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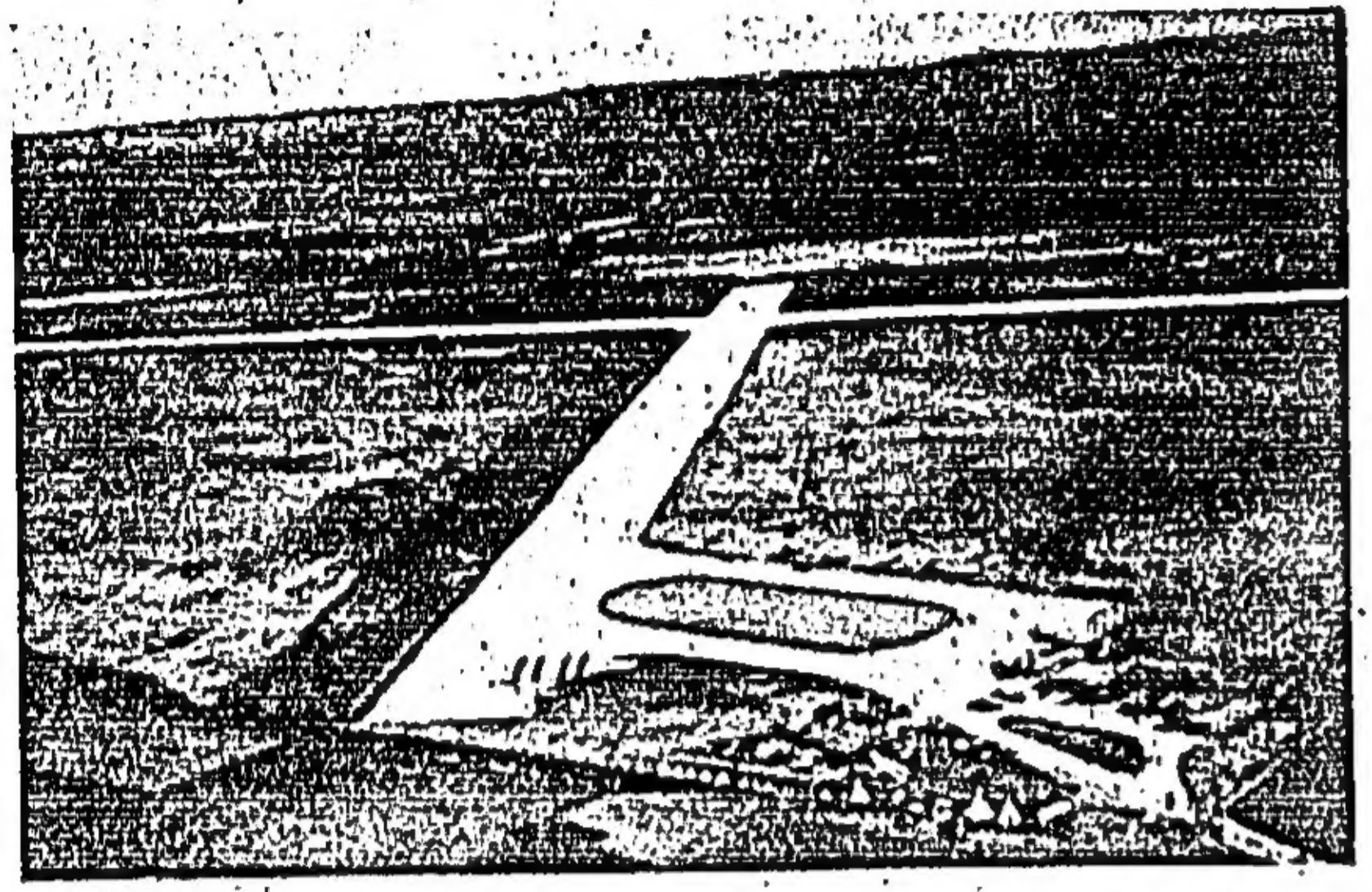
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## GERMANY EMPLOYS POLAND TACTICS BOMB BARRAGE IN EFFORT TO SMASH ALLIES



YESTERDAY, the "Telegraph" published exclusive air mail photographs of the Sola Airport at Stavanger as it appeared after R.A.F. raids. Here is a view of the airport as it was before the raids. The absence of any surrounding buildings is clear evidence of the falsity of the Nazi claim that the British planes were bombing an "open town."

## NAZI ADVANCE CHECKED BY ALLIED LINES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—According to latest despatches, the Germans pushing across the mountainous country south of Trondheim have been hotly engaged by the Allied forces.

Fighting is reported from Hjerkinn on the railway north of Dombas and Kylkne.

Checked by the British troops on their direct line of advance up the Gudbrands Valley, the Germans have sent two motorised detachments along the only two possible roads from the Oeser Valley. Their aim is to cut the railway behind the British positions.

The first of these roads runs over the Foll Valley to Hjerkinn, which is held by the Allied troops who have been reinforced to meet the German move.

At the same time the Norwegians are resisting the Germans at Kylkne, which is on the second road and is north of the Foll Valley road.

**Big Scale Encounter**

Details of fighting at both points are lacking but a big scale encounter is expected.

In the Gudbrands Valley itself the German attacks around Kvam have been supported by planes and artillery. They met with energetic British defence.

**Very Small British Losses**

Several German machines, including Messerschmitt 110, were destroyed or damaged at Norwegian air bases, and a number of petrol dumps were set on fire, though generally speaking the work of the unit was to act more as a deterrent than a destroying force.

The British machines' losses during the last busy month were surprisingly small.

Giving an example of the initiative, resource and pluck of his men, the commander mentioned a sergeant pilot who had lost contact with the squadron. He made a lone raid on Stavanger, destroyed one plane and damaged two.

On the way home, he spotted a German seaplane lying in a fjord. He flew low and dropped his remaining bombs on it, apparently damaging it.

**Drove Off Junker**

Later he was intercepted by a Junker 88, which he drove off and returned safely to his base.

When the petrol tank of another British plane was perforated by bullets from an enemy plane, the Captain of Flight crawled along the plane and stuffed plasticine in the holes, enabling the machine to reach its base 400 miles away.

**Messerschmitt Vanquished**

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that a Sunderland flying boat of the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. recently encountered and shot down a Messerschmitt 110 fighter.

The Captain of the Sunderland, which is known as "flying battleship," was aboard, a warship in a fjord when the Sunderland was attacked by half a dozen Junkers planes.

The Captain rowed in a dinghy to the flying boat and got aboard with bombs dropping around. He taxied the giant machine about to dodge the

## Patience At An End

### Yugo-Slav Warning To Nazi Planes

BELGRADE, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—It is understood that repeated flights by German planes over Yugo-Slavia's northern frontier in the past seven weeks are the main reason for the Government announcement that in future foreign military planes violating the frontier will be fired upon.

Recently eight German planes crossed the frontier one day. It is believed that they were scouting to obtain details of Yugo-Slav fortifications.

Most of the flights occurred in the Maribor region, which is the centre of the German minority and Nazi propaganda.

**Lost Their Way, Excuse**

When the Yugo-Slav Consul, M. Klagentur, protested, he was informed that the pilots were training and had lost their way.

Rumours that Italian planes have been seen flying across the Adriatic and reconnoitring the fortifications on the Dalmatian coast are believed to be untrue. It is stated that these rumours probably arose from the fact that an Italian plane, which had run out of fuel, crashed near Susak.

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**Nazi Raid On City Of Molde**

### Open Town Extensively Damaged

HELSINKI, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Some details of the German raid on the city of Molde are given by the Helsinki Bureau of the Norwegian telegraph agency.

It is stated that German planes bombed the centre of the town, causing extensive damage. It is not yet known whether there were any casualties.

**Plane Shot Down**

One German plane was shot down and burst into flames. Two of the occupants were killed and the others were taken prisoner.

Several German planes were brought down near Aalesund.

At sea, there have been engagements between Norwegian and German warships.

The German warships were supported by aircraft. One Norwegian ship was set on fire.

### King Subscribes To Defence Loan

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—King Gustav was one of the first to subscribe to a new £25,000,000 defence loan which was launched yesterday.

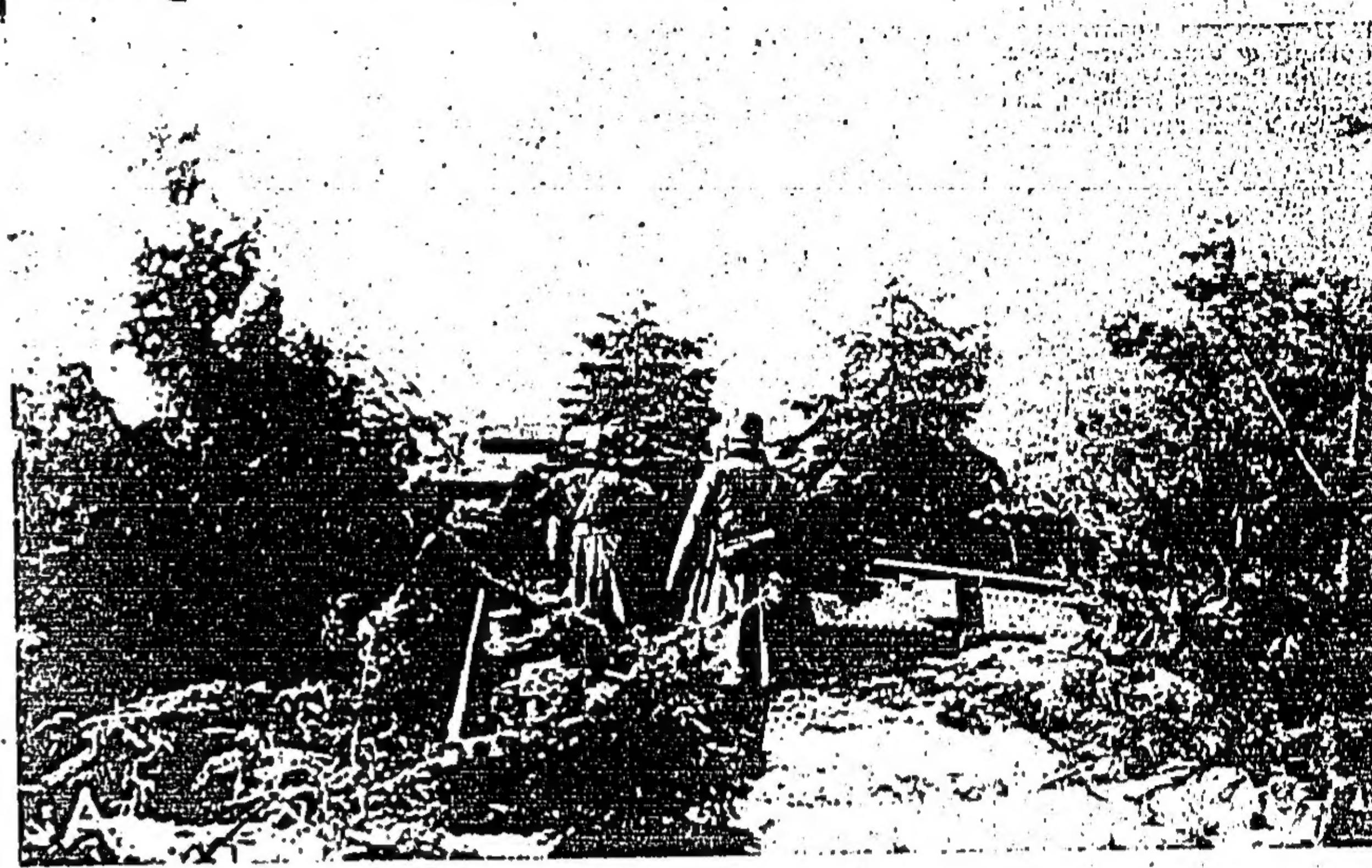
He bought several thousand pounds worth of bonds.

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## ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT BUT—



Official reports from the Western Front since the German invasion of Norway have been limited to "All Quiet" communiques. Nevertheless, artillery and patrol activity continues on an undiminished scale. This photograph of a big German gun was taken on the west bank of the Rhine.—Domel.

## 28 GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, April 29 (Reuter).—It was made known in London to-night that since April 8, 28 German transports and supply ships have been sunk besides ten which were hit by torpedoes and probably sunk, and the German ship Maine, which was scuttled.

The German expeditionary force in Norway has also suffered losses due to mines.

## APPEAL TO ITALY

### Australian Premier Wants Understanding

SYDNEY, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—An appeal from Australia for better understanding between Italy and the British Empire was made by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Premier, in a speech inaugurating a new series of broadcasts on the 25 metre band from here last night.

"Between you and us there exists a well-established friendship based on mutual respect," Mr. Menzies said.

"But to-day war has come over the world and almost every nation has looked upon the struggle with anxiety."

**A Pointer To Italy**

"No nation is in a better position than Italy to understand the fate of Norway and Denmark and the fears of other neutral States threatened with aggression."

"In common with all members of the British Empire," he concluded, "we are determined to make a stand against aggression. I am fully convinced that the thing we are fighting for are of such importance that we shall have your sympathy in our struggle."

**Mussolini Rushes Defences**

### Brenner Fortifications Strengthened

ROME, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Signor Dino Attieli, who has been appointed Italian Ambassador to Germany in place of Signor Bernardo Attolico, is known as a fervent admirer of everything German.

His appointment, therefore, is regarded as another effort to show Germany that Italy is ready to advance, the German cause by all means diplomatically and economically.

Meanwhile it is reported that work continues day and night on the fortifications on the Brenner.

Work on the 1942 Exhibition has lately slowed down and it is rumoured that road-makers, masons and brick-layers have been given work on the fortifications and that raw materials are diverted to national defence.

## BELGIUM TAKING NO CHANCES

BRUSSELS, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Steps are still being taken to suppress subversive activity in Belgium.

Yesterday the police raided five homes in which the residents were suspected of secret Nazi tendencies. Several booklets were seized.

## NOT SHORT CAMPAIGN

### Germans Warned By Norwegian Press

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Stockholm "Alchanda"

says that the reasons for the German attack on Norway cannot have been economic, for Britain can only be blockaded in the Atlantic—the loss of Scandinavia does not affect British economy.

From a strategic viewpoint, what benefit can Germany derive from bases in Norway when the number of surface vessels is reduced by 50 per cent? There are somewhat better possibilities for submarines, but the construction of submarine bases is a lengthy task.

The Norwegian campaign must not be expected to be short and decisive.

**Stalin Learns Lesson**

Russia appears to be prepared to observe the Moscow peace and no difficulties remain unsolved between Russia and Finland. Stalin's unpleasant experience in the Finnish war has taught him to be more careful in future. The Finnish war made Russia more dependent on Germany and immediately the war concluded Russia became less friendly to Germany.

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**INWARD MAIRS**  
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service," San Francisco date, 23rd April ..... Apr. 30.  
Japan ..... Apr. 30.  
Shanghai ..... Apr. 30.  
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Straits ..... Apr. 30.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 24th April ..... May 1.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April ..... May 1.

Japan ..... May 1.  
Canton ..... May 1.  
Shanghai ..... May 1.  
Shanghai ..... May 1.  
Canton ..... May 2.  
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March) ..... May 2.  
Japan ..... May 2.  
Shanghai ..... May 2.  
Sandakan ..... May 2.  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April) ..... May 2.

Shanghai ..... May 3.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 27th April ..... May 4.

**OUTWARD MAIRS**  
Tuesday, Apr. 30

Haiphong ..... 2 p.m.  
Straits ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Straits (Parcels only) ..... 5.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th May

K. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5.00 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5.00 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 6th May

K. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th May

K. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Apr. 30, 7 p.m.

Japan ..... 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Saigon ..... 10 a.m.  
Straits and London via Long-Sea Route—due London, 11th June

G. P. O. .... Apr. 30, 5 p.m.  
Parcels ..... May 1, 5 p.m.

Reg. .... May 2, 9.30 a.m.  
Ord. .... May 2, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ..... 10.30 a.m.

Amoy ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Shanghai ..... 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Franco (Pug and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 8th May

K. P. O. .... May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 1, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O. .... May 1, 5.00 p.m.  
Reg. .... May 1, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

7.15 a.m.  
Manila ..... 9.30 a.m.

Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 12.30 p.m.

Swatow ..... 1 p.m.

Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa ..... 3.30 p.m.

Amoy ..... 7 p.m.

Manila ..... 7 p.m.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

**B. ALVES**

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

**M.S. "PANAMA"**

Consignees of cargo by the above vessel are notified that all cargo is being discharged into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. whence delivery can be effected on presentation of original Bills of Lading countersigned by the Marshal in Prize, Courts of Justice. All charges incurred in landing and warehousing this cargo are for the account of consignees; pending completion of Steamer's account, a deposit of the amount of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Tariff Landing Charge plus 100% is payable, this amount being subject to final adjustment. Hong Kong Cargo remaining undelivered after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 30th April is subject to additional storage charges. All damaged packages will be surveyed by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29th April.

No fire insurance has been effected.

T. J. GOULD,

Marshal in Prize.

**G. S. R.**

**NOTICE**

**WATER SUPPLY**

It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 1st May until further notice.

A. B. PURVES.,

Water Authority.

Public Works Department,

Hongkong, 29th April, 1940.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before 5th May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m.

Mr. Perodeau speaking:

"The demands on our staff for military service have been so great that it was necessary to employ many more women."

They need intensive training for the job of handling thousands of stakes in a short space of time without making a mistake, and I have found that married women adapt themselves to the routine more quickly than single women.

"The only way in which I can explain this is that married women benefit from the experience of expert and detailed management in the home."

Many of the women engaged in the mathematical task of working out dividends have university training, and have proved they can reach accurate results well inside the usual time allowance of 20 seconds.

First B.E.F. Bridegroom

CAPTAIN THOMAS ROGERS, of Shaldon, near Teignmouth, who was shot by his wife because she could not bear to part from him, was a man with a passion for secret doors.

It was disclosed at the inquest that a friend who found the couple dead had entered the house through a secret panel in the front door. Captain Rogers had introduced secret panels into his 200-year-old house while having it modernised at a cost of hundreds of pounds.

But they were secret only to strangers, for their object was that no friend should ever be locked out of his home.

**Heavy Oak**

The front door, which was said to have cost £400, was of heavy oak and has an adjustable panel let into it which, when pushed, unlatches the door.

A neighbour said: "The secret doors, at the house were often talked of around here. There were all sorts of stories told about them, particularly since the revelation at the inquest."

But Captain Rogers' nearest neighbour, Mrs. Barham, of Brookvale House, denied that there was any real mystery. She said: "Most people living near knew of his passion for sliding doors."

There is another inside the house which does not lead anywhere but conceals a bookcase."

At the inquest a verdict was returned that Captain Rogers died from a shot inflicted by his wife, who then shot herself while the balance of her mind was disturbed.

FIFTH COLUMN IN FRANCE

Paris, April 29.

The French counter espionage service has arrested about 4,000 "Communist wreckers" and many German agents since September in an effort to destroy the "Fifth Column" suspected of collusion with sabotage in war production.—United Press.

New Air Liners

For Empire Routes

Air liners of the Hannibal class employed on Empire air services are to be replaced by more up-to-date aircraft as soon as they are available, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, announced.

He added that thirteen aircraft now used on those services (which had been described as semi-obsolete) were airworthy and had given excellent service. They would continue to do so until it was possible to replace them.

The ten-year-old air liner Hannibal was lost on March 1 on her way to Alexandria with four passengers and crew of four.]

AMERICA SENDS WARPLANES

WASHINGTON, April 29 (Reuter).—Aircraft exports for the first quarter of this year were valued approximately at \$60,750,000, representing an increase of 225 per cent over the corresponding period last year, according to a statement by the Department of Commerce.

Ten of 70 purchasers took 94 per cent of the total.

France headed the list with purchases totalling approximately \$33,000,000.

Others were Australia, \$7,750,000;

United Kingdom, \$7,500,000;

Canada, \$4,500,000; Finland,

\$3,000,000; Sweden, \$2,250,000; Turkey, \$1,500,000; Norway, \$1,500,000; China, \$1,250,000; and Dutch East Indies, \$750,000.

March exports totalled \$2,750,000,



Tuesday, APRIL 30, 1940.

**Chamberlain meets Hitler and Goering threatens that if there is war—**

# LONDON WILL BE IN RUINS'

Negotiations in the Sudeten crisis—the origins of which were described yesterday—dragged on at Prague throughout the summer of 1938.

When, in July, deadlock was reached, the British Government sent Lord Runciman to act as independent mediator.

But before that mission could reach a settlement the next Nazi Party Rally was being held at Nuremberg, and Hitler was making a speech that "set a torch to the Sudeten lands."

Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, reveals to-day more secrets of those dramatic days.

I AM, personally, not likely to forget in a hurry my second visit to Nuremberg in 1938, cooped up for five days in the diplomatic train, without privacy and practically without means of communication.

I was already feeling very unwell at the time of a malady which was to put me *hors de combat* for four months in the winter; sleep at night in a wagon-lit compartment was hardly possible, and rest during the day there was none.

I had left Berlin on the night of Tuesday, September 6, meaning to stop a mere thirty-six hours. In the event I stopped five full days.

## Wrote notes on "thriller" pages

A railway train scarcely lends itself to writing, and I had foolishly omitted to provide myself with any materials.

When eventually I had to send a letter to London by special aeroplane, I was obliged to use for the purpose the blank pages torn from some detective stories.

My vocal activities were, on the other hand, immense. I had two long conversations with Goering, three with Goebbels, one or two with Ribbentrop, two or three with Neurath.

I conveyed, besides, an endless succession of warnings to a host of other Nazi personalities of scarcely lesser note, the cumulative effect of which, since talking there was almost the equivalent of broadcasting, I hoped would be useful.

To all except Hitler, whom I merely exchanged banalities in the midst of my colleagues, they were the same.

"If Germany makes an aggressive attack on Czechoslovakia, France is in honour bound to come to the aid of the Czechs, and if France is engaged in war, Great Britain will inevitably be drawn in also."

I felt that the most immediate matter of importance was so to impress the German minds that Hitler, in the big political speech which he was to make at the end of the Congress, would think twice and would not adopt therein an attitude from which afterwards he could not recede.

It was indeed clear from the beginning that Hitler himself was determined to refuse any political contact with the foreigner.

At the diplomatic reception my French colleague, Francois Poncelet, a senior member of the diplomatic body, had tentatively sought his

**Sir  
Nevile  
Henderson**  
**AMBASSADOR DIRECT**

views by referring to the fall of the political barometer.

Hitler had curtly replied that weather forecasts were always wrong and turned the subject.

He was in the midst of his whole Nazi army and after May 21 he was not for a moment going to allow it to be thought that he was subject to any further external dictation.

It was my absolute conviction then, and with the enlightenment of time it was even more so, that he would have declined on the ground of all his other numerous engagements to receive me if I had asked for a special audience.

Also, if I had given him through Ribbentrop any official warning—which must have become public property—the effect would have been to drive him right off the deep end, and would have made an immediate aggression on Czechoslovakia unavoidable.

The idea of a public warning to be given by me to Hitler at Nuremberg, which was seriously considered by His Majesty's Government was accordingly dropped at my insistence to the above effect.

But the most that can be said about Hitler's speech at Nuremberg was that it did not actually slam the door finally on a peaceful solution.

It was truculent and aggressive; it claimed self-determination for the Sudeten and promised them Germany's full support, but it set no time-limit and demanded no pledge.

Nevertheless it set the torch to the inflammable material in the Sudeten lands, and was the signal for an outburst of demonstrations, rioting and serious disturbances.

The Czechs replied with martial law, and Henlein retorted by abandoning the Carlsbad points as no longer sufficient.

In these circumstances, the Prime Minister set into operation his plan for personal contact with Hitler, and shortly after my return to Berlin I received instructions to arrange it accordingly.

I did so through Ribbentrop, and Hitler at once agreed.

**Chamberlain says 'I'm tough'**

I was given to understand that his first reaction was to save the elder man the fatigues of the journey by going himself to London, or at least half way there.

His second was to invite Mrs. Chamberlain to accompany him.

There was, however, no time to consider counter proposals, and the Prime Minister left London at eight-thirty on the morning of the fifth month and reached the Munich aerodrome four hours later.

I had myself left Berlin by train the evening before and had arrived at breakfast-time in Munich, where there were certain hurried details as regards ciphering and typing to be arranged with Mr. Carvell, the Consul-General there.

The British plane did the journey quickly than was anticipated, and I was at the aerodrome barely five or ten minutes before it landed.

Neither Mr. Chamberlain nor Sir Horace Wilson, who accompanied him, had ever flown before, and I was a little nervous how they might have stood the journey. I need not have been.

Mr. Chamberlain stepped out of the machine looking remarkably fresh and quite imperturbable. In reply to some comment of mine, he said, "I'm tough and wiry."



The Premier arriving at Munich. With him is Ribbentrop.

## New meeting arranged

I have always regretted this, as Ribbentrop's interventions were never helpful and often the reverse.

At the later interviews Sir Horace Wilson was always present, and myself sometimes, while Krikpatrick (of the British Embassy) acted as British interpreter and took records of the meetings.

In the course of this first conversation, which lasted for three hours, Hitler made it clear that the only terms on which he could agree to a peaceful solution by agreement was on the basis of the acceptance of the principle of self-determination.

The Prime Minister finally accepted that principle for himself, and undertook to consult his Cabinet and to endeavour to secure its consent to it, and likewise that of the French and Czech Governments.

Hitler, for his part, declared his readiness to discuss thereafter ways and means, and undertook to meet Mr. Chamberlain again at a date to be agreed upon between them.

The Prime Minister accordingly left by air for London again on the following morning.

Sir Horace Wilson was recalled from Prague for consultation, and the French Premier and Monsieur Bonnet were invited to London on September 18.

## Hitler suggests private talk

A bare half hour's grace was there accorded us before we left again in a fleet of motor-cars for the drive of some twenty minutes up the mountain to the Berghof.

There Hitler, surrounded by General Keitel and a few other members of his immediate entourage,

### TO-MORROW

Hitler goes back on his word—Chamberlain's indignation—"War seemed inevitable."

age, received the Prime Minister on the top of the small flight of steps which lead to the entrance of his unpretentious mountain fastness.

The first item on the programme was tea, which was served in a semi-circle before the fireplace situated opposite the great window of the reception room looking across the mountains to Salzburg.

After twenty minutes of desultory conversation, the Chancellor suggested to the Prime Minister that they might begin their talk and they disappeared, together with the reliable interpreter, Dr. Schmidt, into Hitler's study.

The rest of us remained to sit and talk together in the reception room for the next three hours.

Hitler's personal staff did their best to feed and entertain us, but it was a wet and misty September evening and even the distraction of looking out of the window at the view was denied us.

On the other hand there was a constant influx of German Press telegrams about incidents in the Sudeten lands.

One, I remember, reported that forty Germans had been killed in a clash somewhere with Czech gendarmes.

A British observer, of whom there were already a number in Czechoslovakia, and who was immediately sent to verify the facts of the case, subsequently ascertained that there had, in fact, been one death.

It was a typical example of the method of exaggeration and actual falsification of news which was followed by the German Press at that time and has been ever since.

It had been my idea that it would be best for the Prime Minister and Hitler to have their meeting alone and not in the company of Ribbentrop, as would have been inevitable if Mr. Chamberlain had been unaccompanied by Sir Horace Wilson or myself.

It was so arranged, but in the event this was unfortunate, as, thanks to Ribbentrop and contrary to normal usage, the interpreter's record of the conversation was never communicated to the Prime Minister, thereby

causing him much extra trouble and worry, as well as rendering the procedure of conversations a deux subsequently impossible.

He then proceeded to give me fairly accurate details of the numbers of modern anti-aircraft guns which we possessed at the time, as well as of the unpreparedness of England's air defences generally.

He also mentioned, as was doubtless true at the time, that the German air force was numerically superior to those of Britain, France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia combined.

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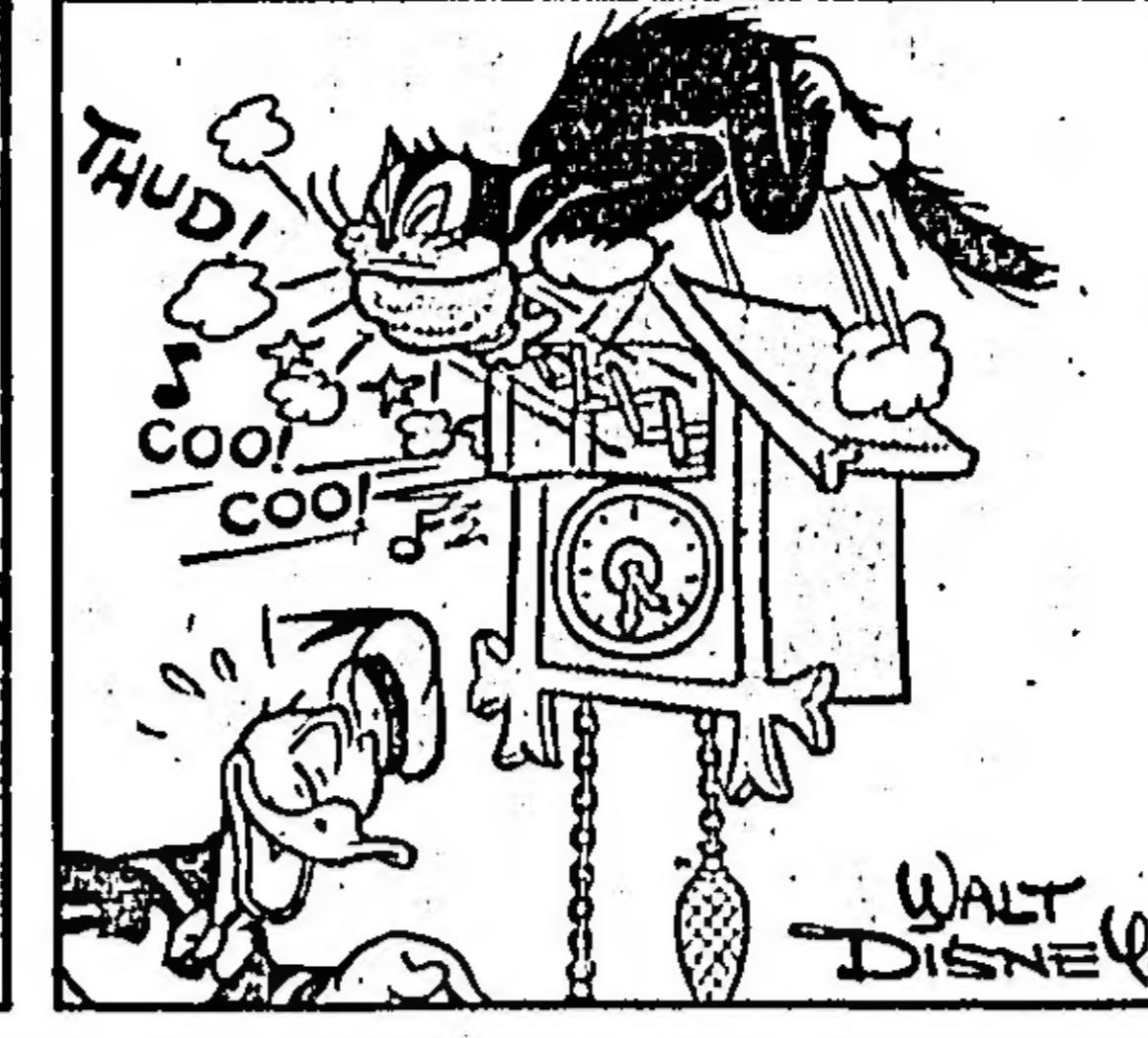
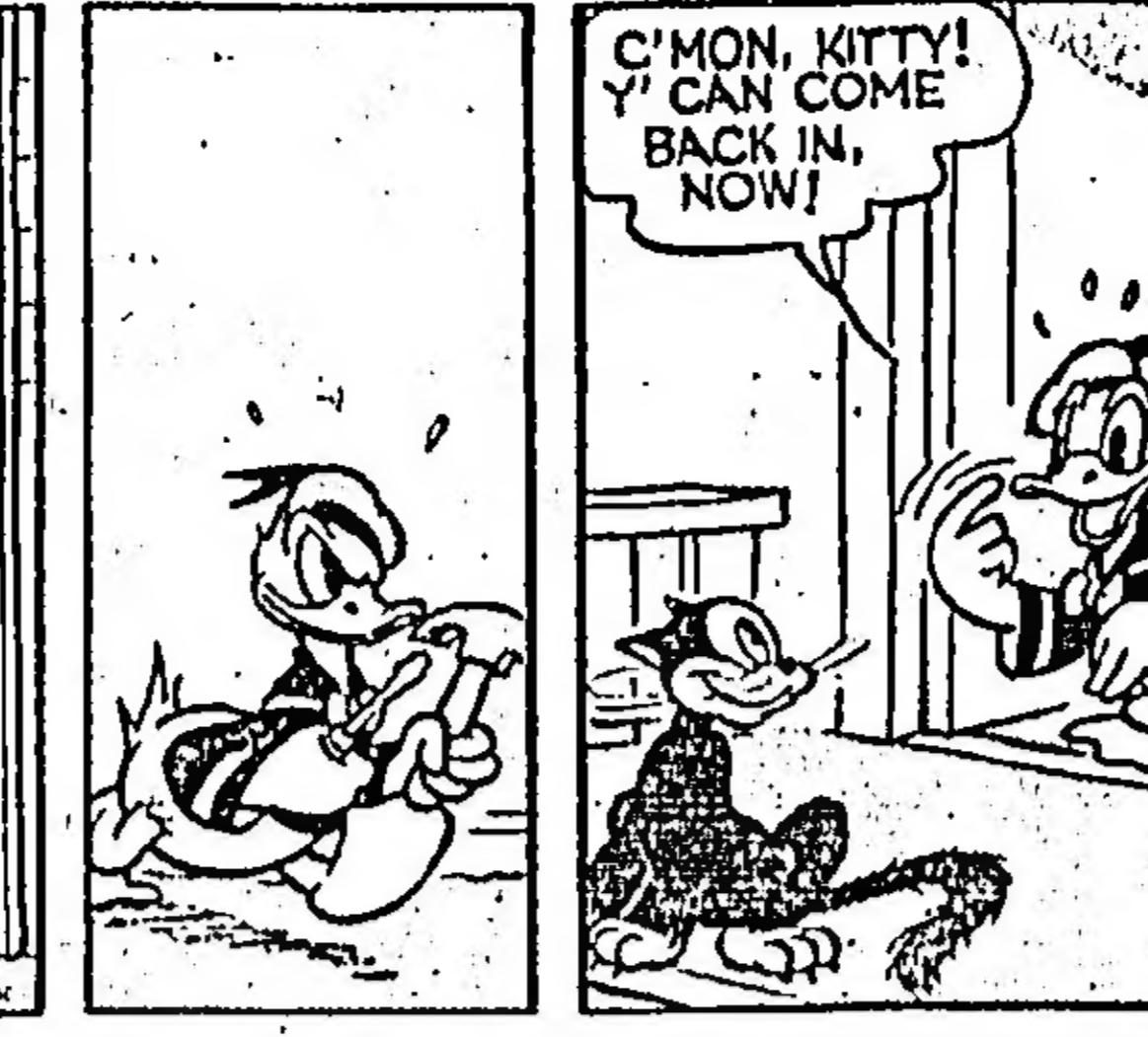
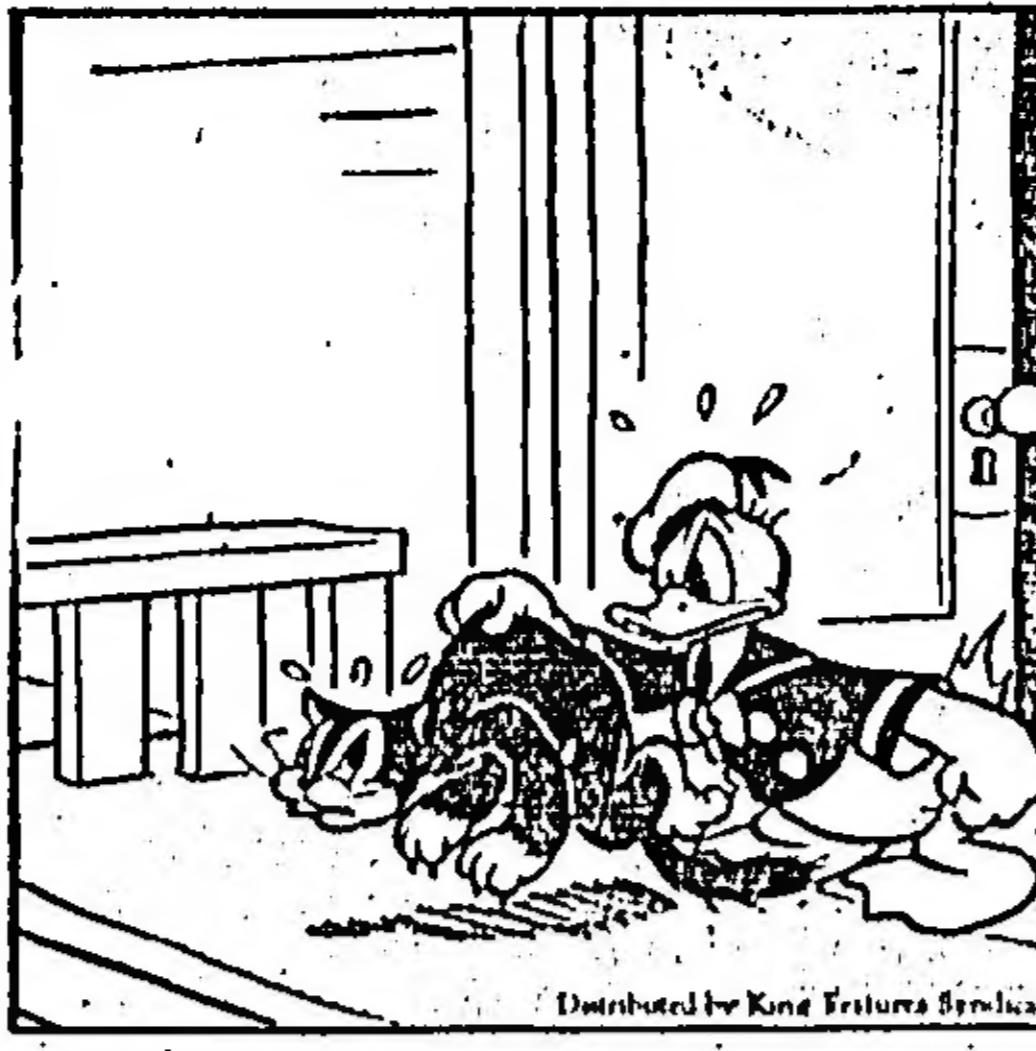
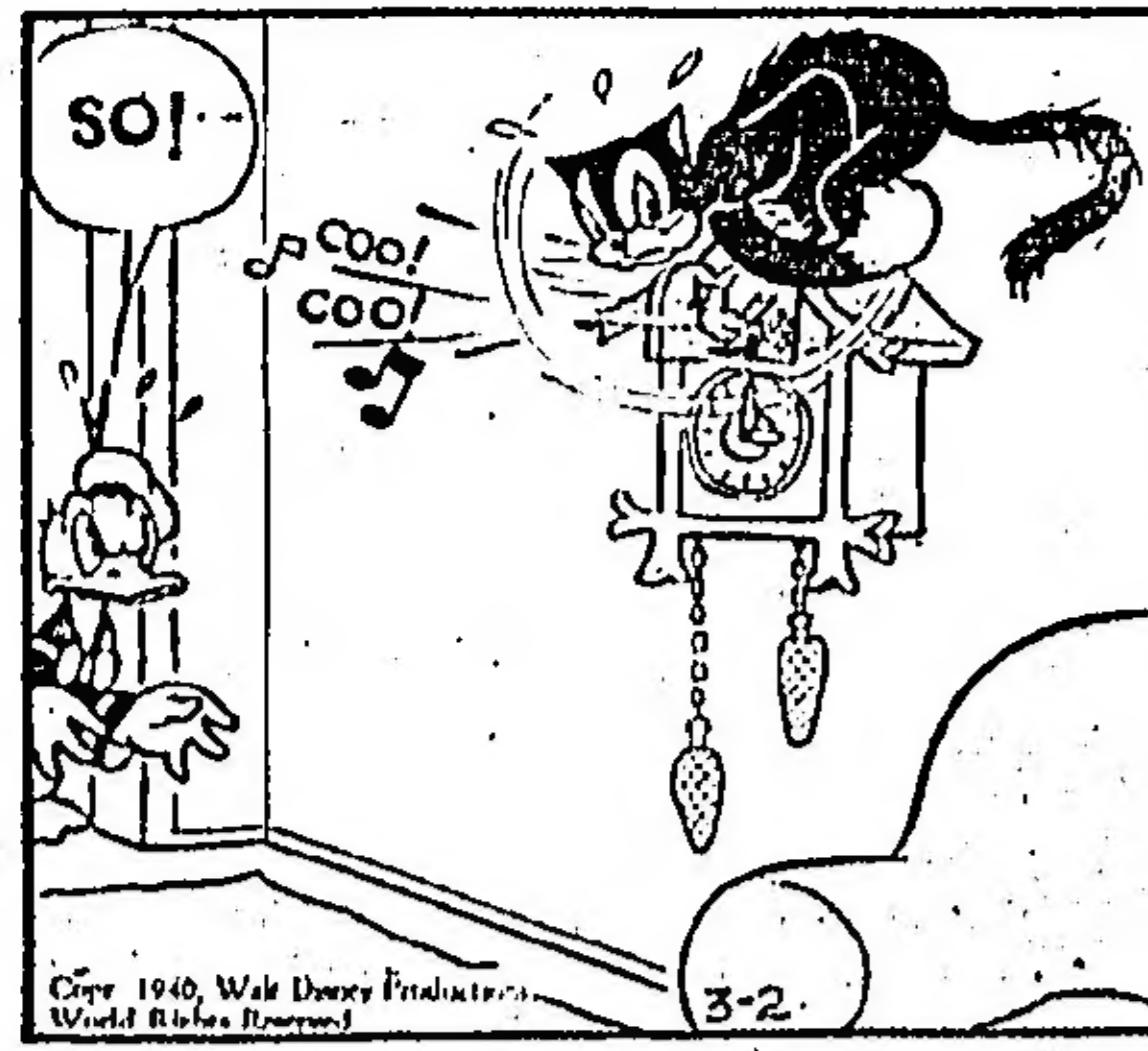
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"We have known for years," continues the writer, "that mere hospitalisation of cases cannot control diphtheria, that healthy carriers abound, and that it is never possible to detect more than a small proportion of the potential sources of infection."

"We know that natural immunity to diphtheria can be stimulated by artificial means and that if three-quarters of the child population were so treated diphtheria would disappear from our midst, with an annual saving of over 3,000 lives in England and Wales alone."

## Sailor Scott Has Lots To Write About

JOHN SCOTT, young sailor in H.M.S. Grenville, had a pen friend, 17-year-old Miss Kirby, of Balby, near Doncaster.

Her letters cheered his watches on patrol. Miss Kirby looked for his replies, and when the news came of the destroyer's sinking she worried about Scott's fate.

She wrote to the "Lord Mayor of the County of Durham," asking him to find out if the boy was safe. All she knew was that his name was Scott, and that he lived in Durham County.

Her letter reached the Mayor of Durham (Councillor S. Kipling), who, as soon as the survivor's list was published, searched and found the name Scott, and at once drove to the sailor's home, 12 miles away, at Trimdon.

### Advice On Knitting

In response to the Mayor's invitation, Sailor Scott visited the Mayor's parlour and saw Miss Kirby's letter.

He was entertained at tea and the Mayress grasped the opportunity of getting first-hand advice for her knitting circle about the woolies sailors wear.

But young Scott would not say much about his pen friendship, except that Miss Kirby's letter had made him happy.



Scott should have plenty to write to Miss Kirby about. He was rescued from a raft after three messmates had died from exposure.

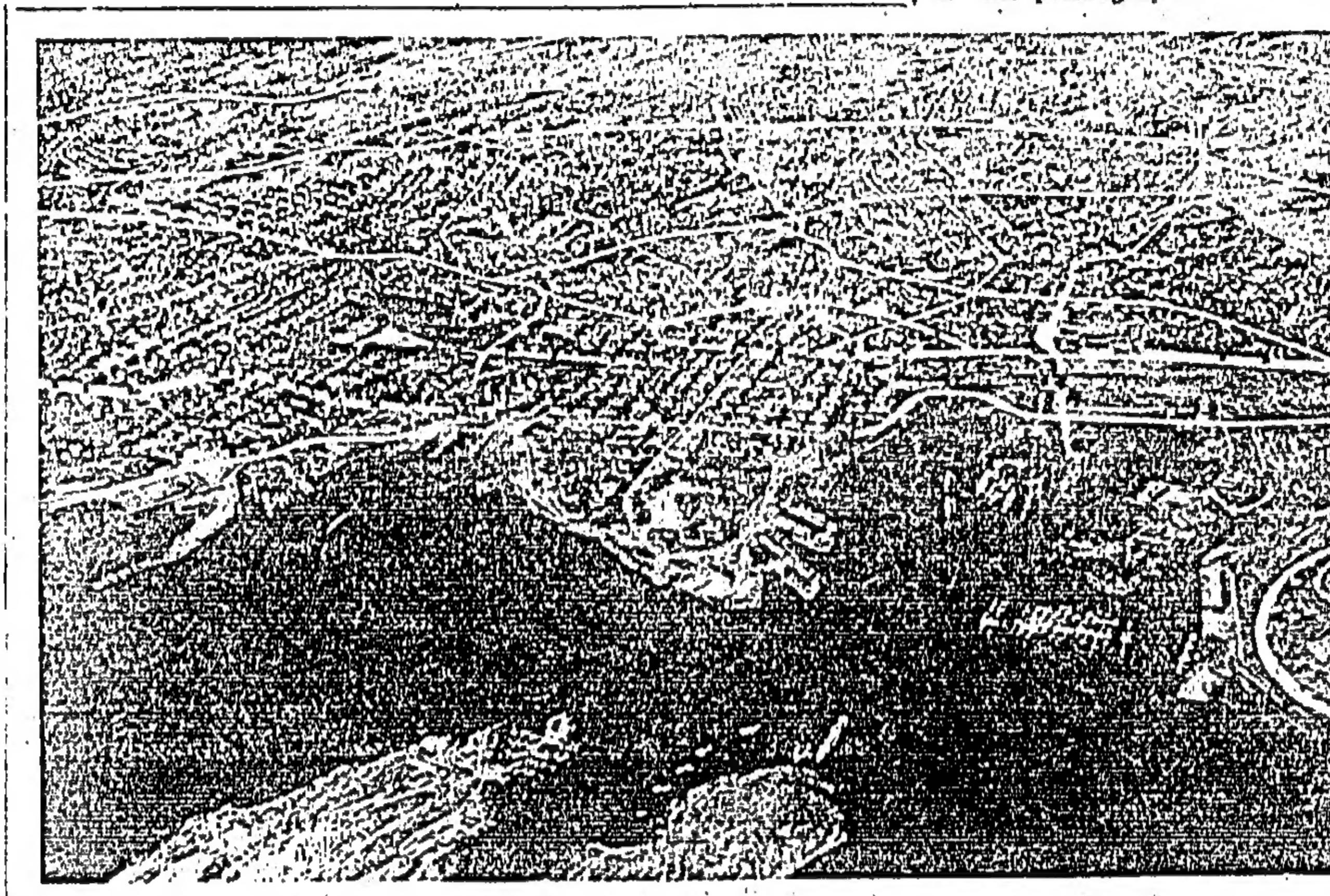
## Scots Cutting Down Their Porridge

Scots housewives are now rationing the family breakfast porridge. Scots oatmeal which before the war was 2s. 6d. a stone is now 4s. 6d.

The manager of a leading Glasgow firm of suppliers said: "Porridge is still the cheapest dish in the country. We always have a steady demand from the country districts, but there is a noticeable falling off since the price went up."

"We are getting a supply of Canadian oats at cheaper rates, but it is not so good for making porridge."

[Oatmeal is made from kiln-dried grain from which husks have been removed.]



## R.A.F. VIEW OF OSLO

THIS aerial photograph gives an excellent panorama of Oslo, the Norwegian capital now in German hands.

The R.A.F. has carried out heavy raids on the aerodrome which is slightly to the right of this photograph.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1900. A new company just formed being floated, this morning. Some coolies were excavating the foundations for the new wing to the Hungting Hotel, when they came upon a pool of quicksilver about a yard below the surface. Before the alarm could spread to the hotel, however, the deposit—amounting to something about half a pint—was baled out by the workmen. The liquid immediately ran down from a broken vessel stored in the dock.

No German newspaper dare print the size of their annual retirement. Only foreign papers dare do it. Bismarck has not gone willingly, but has been forced against his will to resign the Chancellery, and the Emperor has done so well. When he came to the helm in Prussia in 1871 the power of the Crown had never been so limited nor so completely treated by the people as it is now. The Empire, the Extreme Right and the Extreme Left. To-day the authority of the Crown in Prussia rests upon a rock. It has not been so much as shaken. The Queen, who has now come to the helm in Prussia since the days of Frederick the Great, and that it is so respected at this time is due as it was then, to the genius of a single man.

It is now stated on the highest official authority, as well as being a matter of opinion in Parliament and at the clubs, that the Queen is seriously considering the step of abdicating the British throne. The recent reception of the Prince of Wales by the German Emperor has had a great effect on the Queen, who is now convinced that her son ought to have a chance to play the leading role in England during the rest of her life, which is certain to be short.

### 25 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1915. Unofficial despatches from France state that a great battle has begun in the Arras district.

The Admiralty announce that after days of hard fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula are thoroughly making their footing with the effective help of the Navy. They have taken 500 prisoners and four ships have been sunk. The Allies have officially telegraphed to Cairo—"Allied Forces under Sir Ian Hamilton have effected landing on both sides of Dardanelles and under cover of smoke and darkness many prisoners have been taken and our forces are continuing their advance."

The Press Bureau announces that Mr. John Hallinan, employed by the Government to conduct scientific investigations, has examined the Cannons who died from the effects of the gas used by the Germans. He found that numbers had been so severely affected that they had lost their grip on the gun barrels. The gas was caused by chlorine or bromine. Twenty-four were found on a small stretch of road. Numbers of German shells were found to contain incendiary explosive substances, but not of brutally barbarous nature as the above gas.

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1930. Local taxation of motor vehicles was introduced by Mr. Ho Leng, president of the Hong Kong Automobile Association yesterday evening.

With regard to local subjects, he said, I would like to tell you that the question of road tax is in mind of your returning Committee. There has been no proposal for road power and petrol taxation. So far as this Association is concerned, the matter is still sub judice. Your Committee have got up a subcommittee to discuss the matter with the Government and we are still in hope that our representations on behalf of all motorists in Hongkong might be well received by the Government.

Another question that has exercised the minds of the members is that of parking in Hongkong and at Kowloon. Colony grows and as the popularity of motoring, whether for business or pleasure, grows, the matter becomes ever perplexing problem of suitable parking places, becoming more and more difficult of solution. Improvements are already apparent in this respect, but here again, for the benefit of ourselves shortly and our friends in the other side of the harbour must compose themselves in patience until the new law scheme is fully worked out. In the meantime I can assure you that this Association is working in friendly collaboration with the Police Authorities, who are ever ready to listen to reasonable and practical proposals for the convenience and the benefit of the public.

### 5 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1935. The German Government has approached Great Britain with a programme for the proposed Anglo-German naval conference, and in the meantime, Sir John Arnold Wilson, who was in Air Force blue, spoke grimly of N.A.A.F.I. and the railway companies for their lack of consideration of the Air Force in their pocket and comfort.

His theory that the training of pilots could best be undertaken entirely in the country and weather in which they would have to fight was sharply countered by Mr. Clement Davies, who urged that a greater use should be made of Africa as a training ground.

Sir Roger Keyes, on the subject of re-ordination, repeated his old contention that the Navy should have an air force under its command adequate for its duties.

### Our Bombers Ready

Sir Kingsley Wood, replying to critics, declared that the flights over Germany had not only provided singularly valuable information, but had given useful training to personnel in finding their way by night to particular destinations in Germany.

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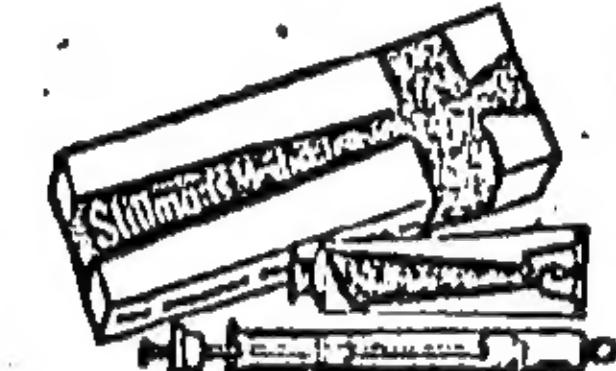
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New York, Apr. 29. The Mackay Radio reported to-day that the Italian steamer Antonetta, 4,423 tons, was in distress 500 miles from Carolina and 220 miles northwest of Bermuda, with her chain hoist broken.

The station also heard a message from the steamer Sea Glory stating that she was out of control in high and dangerous seas.—United Press.

and that the matter "is at present under consideration."

It is feared that Germany's plans for a major building programme are based on global tonnage figures, and include submarines of a revolutionary design which are capable of speeds of 30 knots and are silent and powerful. They are understood to have a cruising radius of 8,000 miles and are capable of diving out of reach of depth charges. The German plan includes the building of five battleships of between 25,000 and 30,000 tons each and sixteen cruisers of approximately 10,000 tons each.



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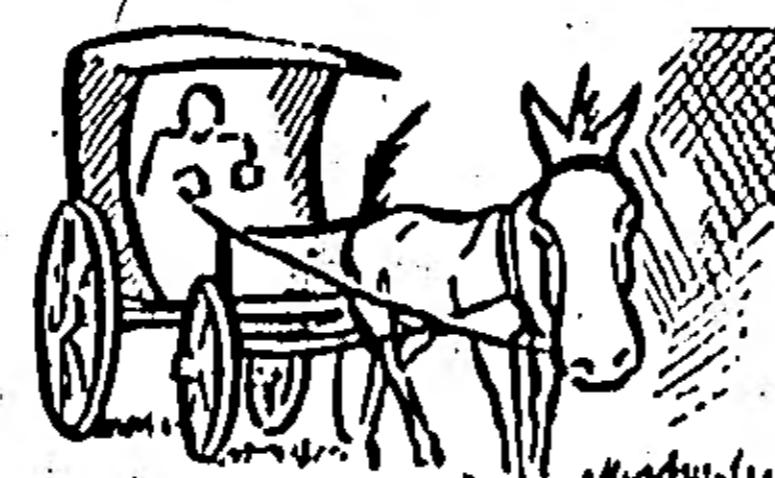
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## The Sultan of Solo is watching..

WHEN Hitler makes one of his periodical threats to invade Holland we in this country think of the little wedge of territory that separates Germany from our eastern shores.

But the Dutch think not only of their "little wedge of territory," but of their rich little Empire, nearly 10,000 miles away—the Dutch East Indies.

For rich though little Holland is in gold and securities—one of the richest countries in Europe—her greatest wealth is in the wealth of the Indies.

What is this rich little, tight Empire, tucked away in a corner of the Pacific?

Holland Beyond the Seas includes Curacao, in the Caribbean, Surinam (formerly Dutch Guiana), in South America, and, most important of all, the archipelago officially called the Netherlands Indies, known to the native inhabitants as Indonesia, and called by old mariners simply the Indies.

Apart from being able to tell such high-sounding potencies as the Sultan of Solo or the Sultan of Jokjakarta how to rule their States, he can also veto any measure that rebellious Volksraad might pass.

Moreover, he himself can make his own laws.

Unlike the British, early Dutch colonizers were not discouraged from marrying native women, and no social ostracism came to them or their half-caste children.

Moreover, the Dutch have scrupulously refused to allow the slightest tempering with the

natives' moral code, even going so far as to bar missionaries in some islands.

The Dutch have experienced little trouble in the Indies, largely because the natives would rather enjoy a quiet life than bother with politics. Besides, they are split among more than 150 different races and languages, and this tends to make widespread rebellion next to impossible.

Meanwhile, the 220,000 Dutchmen in the East Indies enjoy great comfort. No white man is so poor that he cannot afford at least two servants at salaries of about £2 a month, and the usual state of a well-to-do household numbers six or seven. They enjoy the latest films from Hollywood, in Java, Sumatra and Borneo, and most of them own cars.

Tinned foods from home are always available, but the most famous East Indian dish is *Rust-Tafel*, which is both a ceremony and a dinner.

IT has a base of rice, and consists of a hundred or more side dishes, including fried chicken, fried pork, beef, spiced, fried bananas, fried shrimps, cucumbers, pickles, ginger, eggs in every conceivable form. Experienced East Indian Dutchmen go to bed for a couple of hours after eating *Rust-Tafel*!

But there is also work to be done—rubber to be tapped in Sumatra, oil to be drilled in Borneo and Java, tin to be dug in Bangka. Coffee, tea, tobacco, sugar, rice are the more ordinary

products; but copra as a basis for facial creams, lizard skins for shoes and handbags, Sumatra wrappers for cigars, cinchona bark for quinine, sandalwood and teak-wood, ebony and muscavado oil are others. The bare-breasted women of Bali, that tourist paradise, do their full share in making this Netherlands overseas going concern.

To gather in these riches colonial Dutchie men are rewarded handsomely. In 1935 of 85,000 Europeans earning a living in the East Indies some 64,000 were taxed on incomes of more than £1,000 a year; 22,500 between £4,000 and £12,000 a year.

But more significant was what this trade did to the Netherlands. Dutch investments in the East Indies were valued at about £234,000,000. And to-day one-sixth of the Netherlands population of eight and a half million people is dependent on the colonial trade and but for it the Netherlands would probably have a lot more than 400,000 unemployed.

Almost all the well-to-do families in the Netherlands have their East Indian securities.

Wilhelmina, an astute business woman herself, is a large owner of tin mines, just as she has an interest in nearly every enterprise of magnitude in Holland. Her income was once estimated at £1,000,000 a year, making her by far the richest monarch of Europe.

Wilhelmina and the Dutch generally therefore have every possible stake in getting their country safely through this war.

## A challenge to Americans—and the answer

It's your  
war, too

By RICHARD GREVILLE

—but  
What's it  
about?

By FILL CALHOUN

An American Journalist in London

"COME off it, Uncle Sam!" That is what millions of Englishmen are saying to-day, though they may be too polite to say it more publicly than in their local public-house.

We, Uncle Sam's cousins, are locked to-day in the mightiest struggle in our history. With our allies, we are fighting for those principles of liberty and justice which are the very breath of the American political tradition.

Not a politician, not a newspaper in the United States dare whisper a doubt that our cause is good, or that the world might well be lost if it were defeated.

To the Allies and friends of Great Britain it is reassuring to know that the broad policy of the Labour Party on the question of resettlement is in essentials the same as that of the present Government.

In its manifesto on "The War and the Peace," there is not a word which contradicts the peace declarations of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

It even goes further than Mr. Chamberlain when it says that an association of States should be formed around the nucleus provided by war-time co-operation of Britain and France, that it should have a collective authority transcending the sovereign rights of separate States, and must control military and economic power to enforce peaceful behaviour as between its members and secure armament reduction.

It is clear that in all major questions relating to the war and its aims there are not two Britains with whom friends and enemies have to deal, but one only. A change of Government would produce no change of British front.

But if Germany were to win this struggle does any intelligent American really imagine that he could remain

TO all Englishmen—and the word *All* is used advisedly—the present war may be a great crusade. Britain may be sacrificing her men, her wealth and the immediate welfare of her people so that Europe can return to sanity and men may live in peace and security.

Or again, Britain may be caught in a debacle as the result of her own folly, her own greed and her complacency.

The United States would like to know which is the true situation.

Are those the wings of Nazi bombers overhead, or the wings of Pigeons coming home to roost?

America does not like Herr Hitler. As a nation we sympathise with the English. But we abhor war, and

there is a great body of American public opinion that is yet to be convinced that England is without a share of guilt for the outcome of the last twenty years of European diplomacy. What do you want the United States to do? Rush over great shiploads of troops and have them sent off to India to combat passive resistance because there is no room for them on the Maginot Line?

Are we to become embroiled by sending men and arms to Finland when there are still signs and hopes in England of calling off the war with Germany and turning all the various war machines on Russia?

Who's fighting whom in this war? That is one question the United States would like to know.

We admit that some American ideas of isolationism may sound peculiar to Empire-minded people. But isolationism has deep roots in America. It has grown from out of history books and the disillusionment of "the last war." It is bound up with intangibles such as the love of one's own possessions.

The British know about this. Is that really the reason England is at war?

A threat to England's cherished possessions and institutions reached across the Channel became suddenly real and frightening. It still takes a long arm to carry such a terror across the Atlantic. That is one obvious reason the United States is not at war.

If Britain feels her cause is just and that the United States should come in and help her smash Germany—and possibly Russia—they shouting at us to "Come off it" is not the proper approach.

As a nation we like to think at least that we know what we are doing, and where we are heading. Vague talk of our plans for re-building a pleasant world is not enough assurance for us that old and tragic mistakes are not going to be repeated.

It may not be good war strategy to announce what the Allies intend to do in reshaping Europe when hostilities cease. But it definitely would be good propaganda to let America know Britain's hopes and plans for her own future in a period when world politics and economy are likely to undergo great and as yet unfathomable changes.

Americans have a healthy scepticism of anything that can be labelled European diplomacy. It is possible that America is hoping for the war to toss up a few definite clues to what Europe is fighting for, instead of against.



"Why ain't you on the field? Tryin' to take unfair advantage of the scholarship we gave you, eh?"

## NAZI ADVANCE CHECKED BY ALLIED LINES

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held up several miles beyond it by the destruction of a bridge by the Norwegians.

Some reports state that the Germans have attempted to get motorcycle units across with the use of rubber bands which the soldiers can drag across the bridges.

Further progress north of Roros would bring the Germans to the town of Stordal, which is south of Trondheim, and marks the junction of the railings from the Gudbrands and Oster Valleys.

Both Storen and Dombaus are in Allied hands.

It is said that the Allies have also taken over positions along the line between the two towns.

Their ability to hold this line will be of great importance if reports of the latest German moves are to be confirmed.

These reports say that the Germans have sent out parties from two points in the Oster Valley to cross the mountains and cut the line.

There is one quite good motor road which would bring them out not far south of Storen, although it is probably under heavy snow drifts at present.

### Battle Near Hjerkinn

Other reports speak of Nazi detachments cutting across the country south of Dombaus. The town of Hjerkinn, a little north of Dombaus, is mentioned in the reports.

Reports are still very vague but there is a talk of an engagement with Allied troops near Hjerkinn and Dombaus.

The salient feature is that the Nazi main advance up the two main valleys is being held up for the present.

North of Trondheim both the Germans and Allies are reinforcing their defence positions just north of Steinaker.

The vital question for both sides is that of the arrival of reinforcements.

A communiqué issued by the War Office on Sunday stated that the Allies had landed more and more troops at Andalsnes despite air attack.

Reports from Stockholm state that these reinforcements are arriving even more quickly.

The Germans have also landed more reinforcements at Oslo, according to a message from Stockholm.

These reinforcements have evaded the Allied mines and submarines in the Kattegat but not without loss.

An Admiralty communiqué issued yesterday reported that three more German supply ships had been torpedoed and sunk while on their way to Norway.

Unofficial Swedish reports tell of the loss of a 3,000-ton ship which is believed to have hit a mine between the Danish Island of Zealand and the Swedish coast.

### NOT SHORT CAMPAIGN

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many and denied all reports of a Rome-Berlin-Moscow triangle.

The Swiss Press welcomes the Swiss trade treaty with France and England. The "Volkssrech" says: "The news will be heralded throughout Switzerland with satisfaction and some relief. There were many serious difficulties to overcome, but this only makes our pleasure over the final outcome greater."

### Trickery And Treachery

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The British Press yesterday was mainly concerned with events in Norway.

"The Times," for instance, says that it has now been proved beyond doubt that Germany owes her present gains on Norwegian soil to the trickery and treachery that met her half way from the Norwegian side itself.

After speaking of various forms of help that the "Quislings" in Norway gave to Germany, "The Times" says that the moral for neutral states is perfectly obvious and measures are being taken to effect it.

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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# DIPPING INTO 1940 STATISTICS

### Junior Champions Still Striving To Play-Off: Commendable Keenness

**CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS** the wash-out of last Saturday has not, so far, at all events, forced the I.R.C. and the Police to share the Shield. I am informed on good authority that the Recreio Club has been good enough to offer its ground for a game on Saturday next, and provided the weather is reasonably clement a game will be played.

I have been looking through a great many statistics about the two sides, though I am not very keen on figures. On the whole I think it is a very well balanced game with the Indians having a slightly stronger bowling side, but not quite such a probability of runs as have the Police. Apart from any possible breakdown in arrangements I hope to give a full report of the game in my final notes next week.

I said just now that I do not go very much on figures. A perusal of the figures of Crain-gower, the Army and the Civil Service in the Senior League are interesting, and I had very nearly said amusing! Griffiths heads the list with the prodigious average of 63, but when we look into it we find that he batted twice and scored 59 not out and 4.

On the other hand, Richardson apparently scored 4, 11, 6 and 0, and yet I think I should put Richardson before Griffiths. These figures, of course, referred to the League, and it was most unsatisfactory in many ways—almost as unsatisfactory as the figures.

#### BOWLING

In bowling I was interested to see that Billmoria, who could not get a wicket to save his life at the beginning of the season, actually got 13 for 7 runs apiece, which is pretty good. But if one must have figures I am all in favour of adding them over-all. Anomalies are bound to occur when you are dealing with only a very few matches.

I haven't bothered to keep cricket figures for a long, long time. I remember in the season of 1917-18, P. H. Cobb took off 70 wickets for about £6. Mr. R. Abbit had a couple of relatively less for about 1 more. I give these figures without having looked them up for twenty years, so they may not be quite accurate, but I know that had I not been out of the C.R.C. match owing to an injury incurred in the Racecourse Fire, I think I could have just pipped Cobb on the post.

I am rather wondering now if people do get 70 wickets during the course of a season. Last one should be thought to be putting on dog. I might mention that the standard of batting at that time was extremely low, and a great many of the wickets taken were either rabbits or ferrets!

#### FINALE

To resume the question of Saturday's match, I understand that this will be a definite finish, and indeed to play cricket in May (apart from regiments) is a thing that is entirely beyond my recollection. I must congratulate the two sides on their keen enthusiasm, and to speak quite frankly I wish to goodness the senior sides showed a tithe of it.

#### SPORT ADVTS.

##### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th and Monday, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

##### Army Sports Finals To-day

The final day's programme of the Hongkong Area (Army) athletic meeting will be held at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, at 2.30 p.m. to-day. The alternative date on all invitations issued for the "At Home" should now read Tuesday, April 30, and not Wednesday, May 1.

#### Golf

##### F. Buckle Wins Adamson Cup

F. Buckle (12) beat Hugh Smith (0) six and five in the final of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley on Sunday.

## CORNS?

stop that pain instantly with  
**GETS-IT**  
the infallible corn cure.

Better because it's liquid.

## TSUI WAI-PIU ENTERS OPEN SINGLES FINAL

### Godoy To Meet Joe Louis Again

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP)—Mike Jacobs, the world famous boxing promoter, has announced that Joe Louis and Arturo Godoy will meet again for the world heavyweight crown in the Yankee Stadium on June 20.

By his contract, Godoy is to give Louis a return bout within 60 days, if he wins, but if Louis wins it is expected that his next opponent will be the winner of the Max Baer-Tony Galento bout on May 28.

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### Call-Over For The Two Thousand Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas is as follows:

5/2 Djebel (offered),  
3/1 Lighthouse II (taken and offered)  
7/1 Tont Mieux (o)  
100/9 Stardust (1 and o)  
100/9 Fair Test (o)  
100/7 Prince Tetru (o)  
20/1 The Druid (o)  
25/1 Hippius (o)  
20/1 Ridley, Epilobium and Null de Noce (o)  
33/1 Turkhan (1 and o)

### Yankees Avenge Yesterday's Defeat

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP).—The New York Yankees Major Baseball champions, avenged their defeat at the hands of the Washington Senators yesterday, winning to-day by 5-4. By the same margin of one run, the Detroit Tigers nosed out the Cleveland Indians.

The full-scores were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

|              | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| New York     | 5  | 7  | 3  |
| Washington   | 4  | 8  | 0  |
| Cleveland    | 3  | 10 | 0  |
| Detroit      | 4  | 6  | 2  |
| Boston       | 11 | 9  | 0  |
| Philadelphia | 3  | 7  | 0  |

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

|                            | R. | H. | E. |
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| Pittsburgh                 | 2  | 9  | 0  |
| Cincinnati                 | 3  | 5  | 1  |
| Chicago                    | 5  | 15 | 0  |
| St. Louis                  | 0  | 13 | 0  |
| (Ten innings were played). |    |    |    |

#### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

A VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOOT took place over the Kowloon City Ranges on Sunday when the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment organised the programme and donated all the prizes, which were presented by Lt. Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., at the conclusion.

Ninety-eight members took part. There was a strong wind blowing from east to west, but some good scores were returned.

Prize-winners were as follows:

#### EXCELLENT SHOOTING AT SUNDAY MEET

### Programme Organised By Middlesex Regt.

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The final set was very similar as the games went, but at 5-3, Tsui Yun-pui took his own service game and was led by 5-4 only. It was possible that he would level the scores, but two errors and a brilliant drive by his brother gave the latter a 40-15 lead. The match was deemed over, and though Yun-pui yet won another point with a fine volley, the second match point he gave away by hitting into the net.

CLUB FINAL TO-DAY

The Club Singles Championship final between M. Fazl and B. C. Fay will be played this afternoon.

### H.K.R.C. Rinks

The following will represent Hongkong Electric in a lawn bowls League match against Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday at Ming Yuen:

W. E. Macfarlane, S. G. Gardner, J. K. S. and A. F. Paul (skip); V. Sorby, W. E. Ender, S. Deacon and W. H. B. Muskett (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, C. E. Cahagan and J. F. Lunney.

#### SUNDAY'S SCORES

Leading scores on Sunday were as follows:

Aperture Sights  
H/Cap. 200,000 T.L.  
Sgt. Russell, F. E. Scr. .... 47 48 22\*  
Capt. Gunnell, R. T. Z. .... 53 49 22\*  
Sub/Lt. Guntry, G. J. P. Scr. .... 48 49 22\*  
P/Sgt. Tollison, F. Scr. .... 43 48 21

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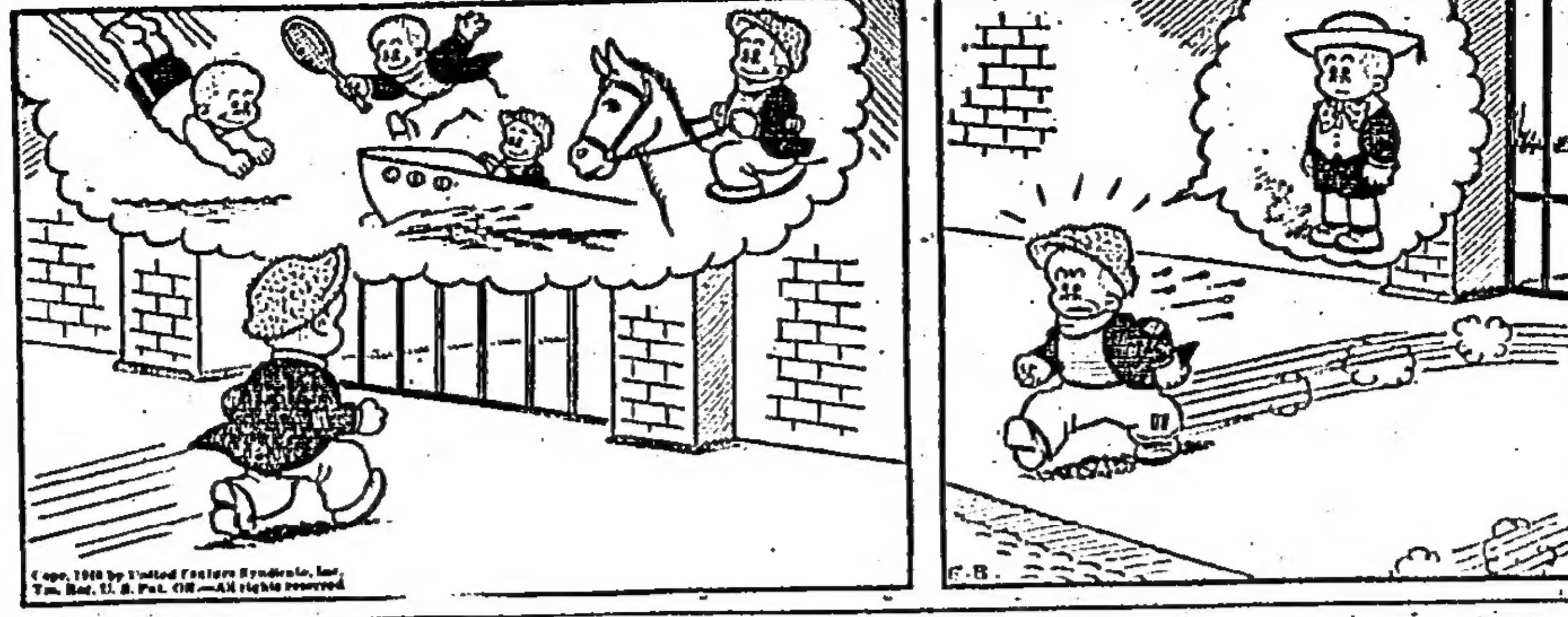
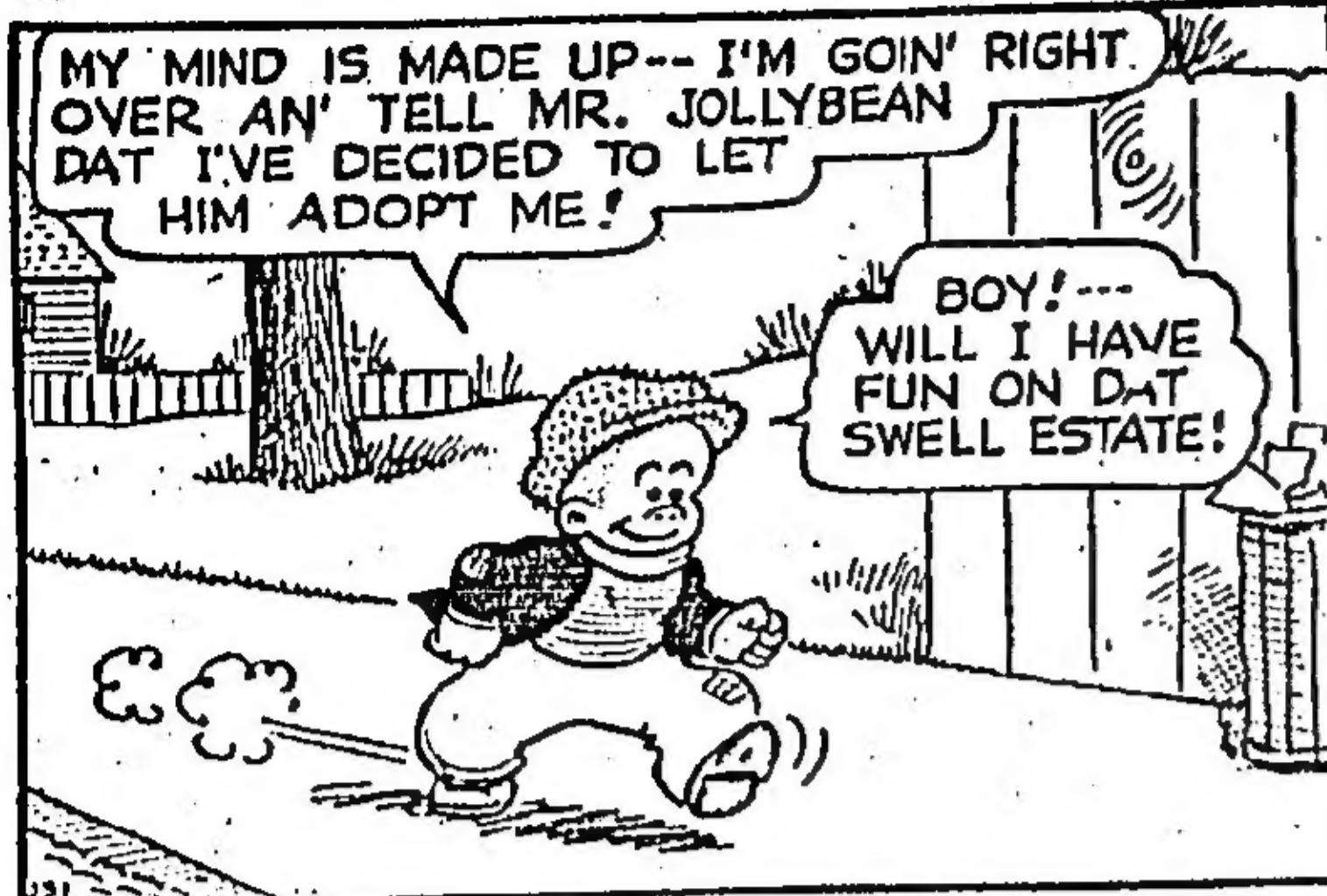
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

SWING KING TAKES BRIDE

## 1,000 GIRLS ASK FOR "DATES"

## Disappointed In Men of Devon



SOMEWHERE IN DEVON. ONE THOUSAND eligible young women have come to the conclusion that it's a not-so-glorious Devon.

"Where's the romance?" they demand plaintively. "What's the matter with the young men—are they dumb?"

Because of the apparent scarcity of suitable boy friends this contingent of spinsters finds life dull these days.

**A R T I E S H A W**, the famous swing-band leader and his film star bride, **Laura Turner**. They two met some time ago while working on a M.G.M. lot.

They are on the staff of a big insurance company, and were evacuated to a South Devon town nearly four months ago.

A 19-year-old malecontent said: "Dates with boy friends are almost unknown."

"We spend our spare time knitting furiously for the Services, throwing occasional 'hen' parties, and dancing with each other in our hotels."

## Weather Talks

"Most of us have forgotten the thrill of being taken out" for the evening."

**Stella Thompson** is blonde and frank. She said, "Even if the local lads were attractive, there are too few to go round."

Brunettes **Cecile Jordon** and **Yvonne Roberts** agreed.

And 20-year-old **Betty Scott** added with muted scorn, "The only thing they can talk about is weather."

During with some of the thousand. There was one man to about 20 women, and most of the men were over 40, and married. Only four were local residents.

**Slightly hopeful note.**—A big firm of underwear specialists has just transferred its head office staff to the town. Manpower: 100.

and provision for the Kensington Palace staff.

Relics of Queen Victoria will be distributed among members of the Royal Family, including the King and Queen.

Some of the people to whom bequests were originally left have already died. King George V. would have inherited among other things one of the Princess's own paintings.

## Ignorant of War

Kensington Palace is a "grace and favour" residence which the King can give to any one he pleases, but it was the Princess's hope that the Duke of Kent and his family would live there after her death.

She died at the age of ninety-one without knowing that, for the second time in her life, Britain was at war with Germany. It was agreed that the news should be kept from her.

She never saw her gas mask, identity card or ration coupons.

Princess Louise, who was the oldest surviving child of Queen Victoria, lived so frugally in her ninety-eight-roomed residence at Kensington Palace that most people regarded her as a comparatively poor woman.

Her residence was run by a handful of servants. Many rooms had not been used for years. The study of her husband, the Duke of Argyll, who died in 1914, was wrapped in dust sheets; the dining-rooms and a number of ground-floor ante-rooms have long been locked up.

After her ninetieth birthday the Princess lived upstairs in an atmosphere of Victorian austerity.

## No Lift

There was no lift in her wing of the palace; coal for the open fires in the bedrooms was carried up by hand. An old-fashioned kitchen range heated the bare corridor outside the room in which she spent the last weeks of her life.

Carpets, curtains and furniture dated from the beginning of the century.

Princess Louise had an income of £6,000 a year from the Civil List. Her total housekeeping expenses at Kensington Palace amounted to little more than half this sum.

In addition, she inherited a large sum of money from Queen Victoria and benefited under the will of her husband, who left more than a quarter of a million pounds.

## U.S.N. OFFICER DUE

Chuncking, Apr. 29. Capt. Bradford Bartlett of the U.S. Tutu Lin is scheduled to leave Chuncking on Tuesday for the United States, via Hongkong, to take up his new post there.—United Press.

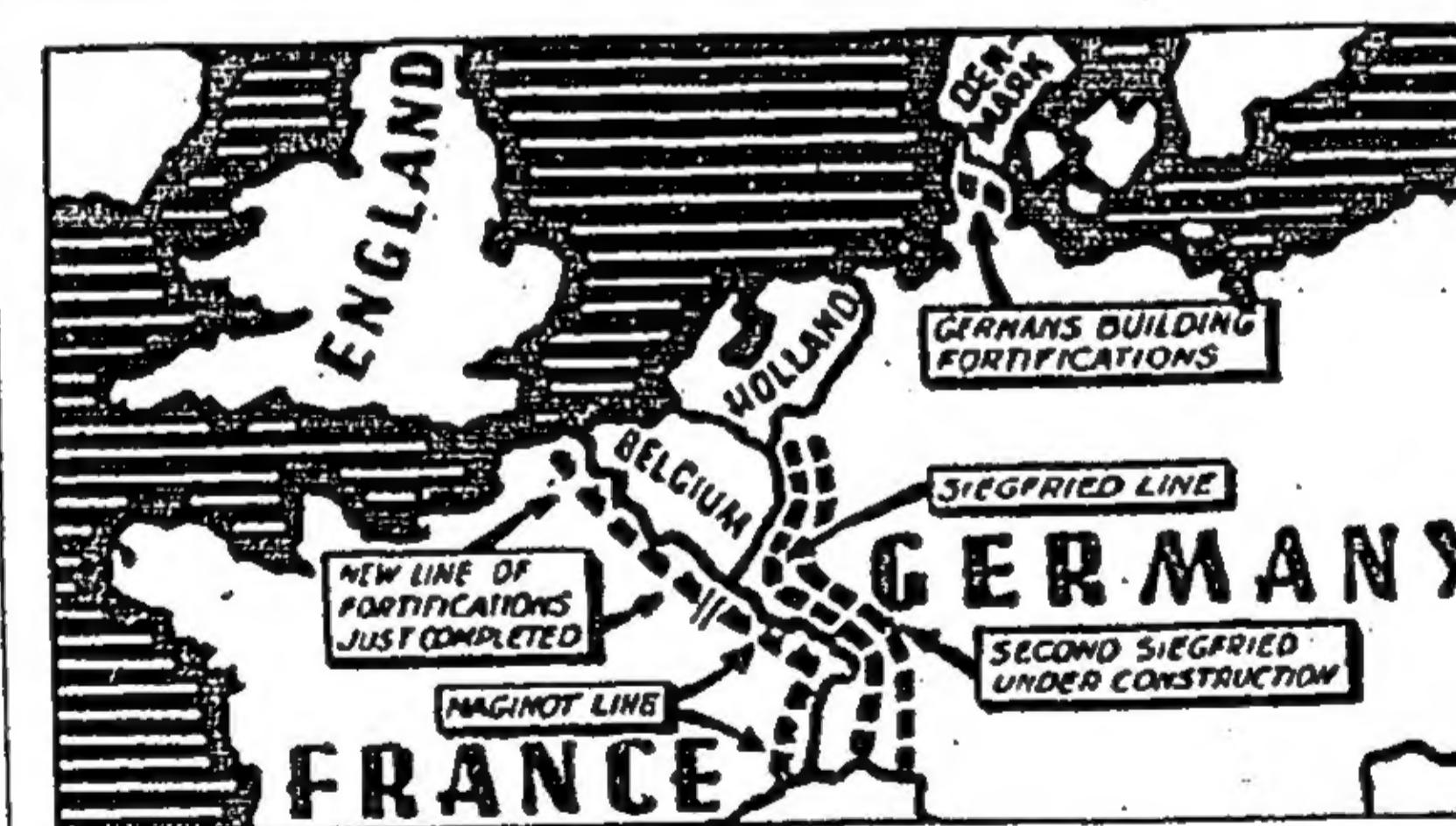
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FRANCE and Germany continue to fortify their frontiers. This map shows the latest phases of this activity.

Work on the continuation of the Maginot Line along the Franco-Belgian frontier has now been completed.

Germany, it is learned, has started work on a defence line just south of the frontier with Denmark. A second "Siegfried Line" is being built, also, behind the present one along the frontier with France.

## OPEN VERDICT ON "UNCLE ERIC"

An open verdict was returned at the inquest recently on Mr. Eric Fogg, 37-year-old music director of the B.B.C.'s Empire Service.

Mr. Fogg—"Uncle Eric"—who fell in front of a Tube train at Waterloo was to have been married recently.

## ADVICE TO NURSING MOTHERS

It is very important, doctors say, not to overtax your system immediately after the birth of a child. When you are feeding baby yourself, you should take plenty of easily digested nourishment.

For that reason, doctors throughout China recommend Horlicks. They have proved that Horlicks stimulates the appetite, promotes sound sleep and strengthens the whole system. Also Horlicks increases the supply of maternal milk and ensures the success of breast feeding.

Get Horlicks to-day from your store.

## CHURCHILL'S £1,000 SPY GAME

MR. CHURCHILL has invited seamen all over the world—and you if you think you can do it—to hunt out German warships and give news of enemy mines.

Here is a price-list of what the Admiralty is prepared to pay for accurate information about the Nazis' war at sea:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Warships — captured or sunk as a direct result of the information, up to ...                    | £1,000 |
| Movements of enemy war vessels accurately reported, up to ...                                   | £50    |
| Position of moored or floating German mines, up to ...  | £5     |
| Mine washed ashore and recovered, up to ...   | £1     |
| Speciaily interesting (e.g., magnetic) mine, up to ...  | £5     |
| Flots mine-sinkers, mine fragments, etc. if examination of them yields new knowledge, up to ... | £5     |

The rewards will be paid to anybody except Service personnel, whose official duty it is to report enemy activities. The amounts will be assessed by the Admiralty according to the value of the information received.

## Raced Train To Dying Man

HERE is a thrilling story about two war heroes serving on the Home Front.

They are Special Constables. Their resourcefulness and pluck were revealed recently.

They were out on patrol. People who had crossed a bridge over the Southern Railway main line reported having heard moans.

## Huddled on Line

Harvey ran to the bridge, shone his torch over the parapet, picked out in its rays a man huddled on the track.

He and Egland sprinted off along the way that led to the metals.

A train pulled out of Exeter Central; they heard it gather speed, draw closer.

Down on the track they ran until their lungs seemed ready to burst.

With seconds to spare they reached the man, held him between them, pressed close against the bridge wall.

## Commanded

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## SKIPPER STAYED ALONE

WHEN the 1,562-ton Glasgow steamer Longships broke her back on a rock the crew put off in the ship's boats and stood by for nearly four hours.

Capt. D. MacLennan stayed on board alone, until a lifeboat arrived.

The story was told, when the crew of twenty-seven landed at a South Coast port.

After the lifeboat had taken them ashore, they had transferred at once to another ship.

After surviving an attack by German planes on Sunday, the trawler Dromio, of Hull, came in collision with the Italian steamer Valentino, in the North Sea.

Another trawler, the Colonial, took her in tow, but after five hours towing she sank.

## Bombs All Round

Her crew of 10 landed at a North-East port last night.

One of them said that last Sunday, when the trawler was returning to Hull from the fishing grounds, Nazi seaplanes dropped bombs all round the ship and also used machine-guns.

Damaged by an explosion, believed to have been caused by a mine off the North-East Coast, the 4,434-ton Glasgow steamer Gryfeville was towed into a North-East port recently.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Business reported was not of vast proportions, and prices are not too robust, but the spread was over, a variegated selection.

I.I.C. Banks \$1,000  
Bank of E. Asia \$74  
Union Inv. \$400  
Provident \$450  
Amer. Cons. \$1,000  
Realities \$4,400  
Telephones (Old) \$2,515  
Telephones (New) \$110  
Lands & Estates \$2,055  
Wm. Powell \$1  
Entertainments \$7,10  
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Providence \$4,40  
Electric \$2,535  
Telephones (Old) \$125  
Telephones (New) \$101/2  
Docks Cum. R.R. \$2,15  
Hotels \$44  
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Chinese Estates \$103  
Telephones \$114  
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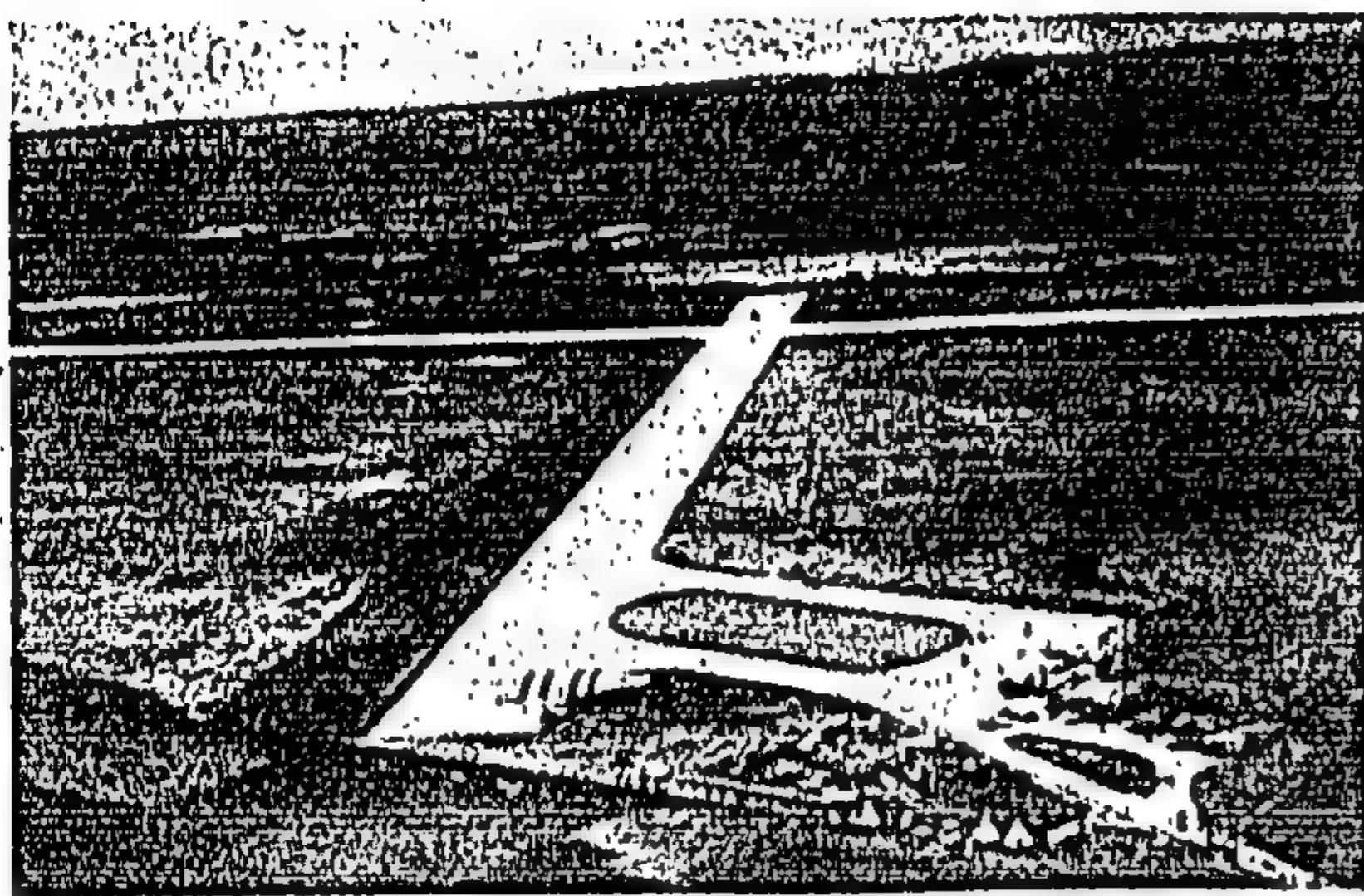
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## VIOLENT ATTACK EXPECTED SOON



YESTERDAY, the "Telegraph" published exclusive air mail photographs of the Sola Airport at Stavanger as it appeared after R.A.F. raids. Here is a view of the airport as it was before the raids. The absence of any surrounding buildings is clear evidence of the falsity of the Nazi claim that the British planes were bombing an "open town."

## NAZI ADVANCE CHECKED BY ALLIED LINES

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—According to latest despatches, the Germans pushing across the mountainous country south of Trondheim have been hotly engaged by the Allied forces.

Fighting is reported from Hjerkinn on the railway north of Dombas and Kvilkne.

Checked by the British troops on their direct line of advance up the Gudbrands Valley, the Germans have sent two motorised detachments along the only two possible roads from the Oeser Valley. Their aim is to cut the railway behind the British positions.

The first of these roads runs over the Foll Valley to Hjerkinn, which is held by the Allied troops who have been reinforced to meet the German move.

At the same time the Norwegians are resisting the Germans at Kvilkne, which is on the second road and is north of the Foll Valley road.

### Big Scale Encounter

Details of fighting at both points are lacking but a big scale encounter is expected.

In the Gudbrands Valley itself the German attacks around Kvilkne have been supported by planes and artillery. They met with energetic British defence.

The British are reported to be holding excellent defensive positions centring on a bottleneck in the valley.

Many German planes have been seen flying north over the Roeros district indicating that a continuous stream of troops are being sent to Trondheim by air.

The Allied reinforcements south of Trondheim are still being bombed by German aircraft but anti-aircraft guns are now forcing the raiders to an altitude of 9,000 so that they are no longer free to attack as they would like.

### War Office Communiqué

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué issued to-day states that the position in the Gudbrands Valley remains unchanged.

Heavy German air attacks have been carried out on Andalsnes and Molde, two towns on the west coast north of Bergen.

There has been patrol activity in the Narvik sector.

There is nothing further to report from Narvik.

This communiqué confirms messages from Stockholm suggesting that the Germans have made no progress during the past 24 hours.

These reports indicate that in the Gudbrands Valley the German forces are facing strong Allied positions near Oster, which is some miles south of Dombas.

In the Oster Valley the Germans have occupied Roeros but are being held up several miles beyond it by the destruction of a bridge by the Norwegians.

Some reports state that the Germans have attempted to get motor-cycles across with the use of

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## Italy Rushes Her A.R.P. Emergency Pamphlets Distributed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 29 (UP).—Italy is taking the prospects of her entry in the war very seriously as indicated by the fact that to-day Italian householders received an "urgent" Government pamphlet giving emergency instructions for air raid precautions.

The pamphlets advised all garrets to be cleared of all inflammable materials.

They also announced that a house-to-house inspection would be carried out in the near future to insure that the instructions have been obeyed.

A further booklet will be issued soon containing instructions in the event of gas warfare.

## New Trans-Atlantic Liner Service

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Trieste's two new trans-Atlantic passenger services between Italy and North and South America respectively were inaugurated to-day.

The 24,500-ton motorship Vulcania left Trieste this morning for South America and the 31,000-ton liner, Roma, left on the Trieste-New York route this afternoon.

## NAZIS MASSED AT ROEROS FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, APRIL 29 (UP).—MORE AND MORE GERMAN TROOPS ARE MASSING AT ROEROS ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF THE CITY WITH WHOM A "UNITED PRESS" CORRESPONDENT HAD A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO-DAY.

THE NEW TROOPS ARRIVED IN LORRIES TO-DAY, ESCORTED BY TWO TANKS. THE LORRIES ALSO CONTAINED FIELD GUNS.

Considerable German air activity was noticed over the town yesterday. At one time a squadron of 30 German transport planes was sighted flying north.

A woman was killed on the outskirts of the town to-day when a German plane swooped down using its machine gun.

At night the city is completely blacked out.

The "Afton Bladet's" correspondent at Steinkjer to-day reported that according to the Norwegian commander complete contact has been established between the Norwegian and French troops in this sector.

The commander also said that a violent German attack was expected at any moment along the entire front where the Franco-Norwegian line is at varying distances from the invaders.

The Situation At Namsos  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (UP).—According to a private neutral source from Troemund which is in Sweden opposite Namsos, British forces have landed about 2,000 territorialists at Namsos, while the French have landed between eight and ten thousands.

More are expected to arrive soon, he said.

The same source categorically denied reports that the French force in the Namsos region, or anywhere else in Norway includes members of the French Foreign Legion.

It was further revealed that the Germans yesterday brought tanks and armoured cars into action for the first time.

However, the French anticipated this action and anti-tank guns succeeded in repelling the attacks.

This same informant stated that no front had yet been established in the Namsos region in the true sense of the word, although the French are now building strong fortifications north of Steinkjer, which will constitute a line capable of resisting the German onslaughts.

Not Getting His Own Way

The Germans, no doubt, are getting reinforcements up country by air and are putting some shipping across the Skaggerak, but Hitler is not getting things his own way.

"You don't see many of his submarines now, and so far, not one of our convoys has been hit."

The pilot described Namsos as appearing "like those pictures of Ypres in the last war." He added: "They certainly have made a mess of that town."

Estonian Warning

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—As announced yesterday, the German radio on Sunday night issued a warning to German ships to keep away from two danger areas off the east coast of Germany.

The first broadcast made it appear as though it was an official German announcement but subsequently the German radio said that the information had come from an Estonian radio at Tallinn.

It is interesting to note that one of these areas is at the mouth of the Estonian port of Baltiski, which is now a Soviet naval base.

The other is off Helgoland.

The official German explanation is

that these waters were mined by Finland during the Soviet-Finnish war.

The mines became frozen in the ice

but are now coming up.

WEST FRONT QUIET

PARIS, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says that it was a quiet day on the whole.

## ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT BUT—



Official reports from the Western Front since the German invasion of Norway have been limited to "All Quiet" communiqués. Nevertheless, artillery and patrol activity continues on an undiminished scale. This photograph of a big German gun was taken on the west bank of the Rhine.—Domel.

## KIDNAPPED GERMANS SET FREE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEIPING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Four Germans, captured by bandits, have been released and to-day returned to Peiping after paying a ransom of cigarettes, food and watches.

The four kidnapped people were Herr H. Wobser of the German Embassy, together with a woman member of the Embassy, and Herr L. Haesloop and Herr E. Reimers, both German employees of Carlowitz and Company.

Bandits kidnapped them in the western hills near Peiping yesterday.

## Strengthening The Axis

### Significant Appointment Of Italian Envoy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 29 (UP).—The appointment of Signor Aliferi as Ambassador to Berlin is regarded in political circles as a strengthening of the Rome-Berlin axis in line with the announcement recently made by Signor Grandi, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and the Under-Secretary of the Interior, Signor Guido Buffarini Guidi.

These same circles stress that Signor Aliferi has long been a partisan of closer Italian-German co-operation. The Press Minister is stressing propaganda favourable to Germany.

Strong Party Man

It is considered important that Signor Aliferi is a strong party man and was one of the first Fascist deputies.

Signor Aliferi is generally regarded as Britain's favouring a moderation of Anglo-Italian relations. Some circles suggest that Signor Aliferi will be able to improve relations between Germany and the Holy See.

Advanced discussions have already begun with some countries.

"Moscow Pioces"

Officials declared to-day that a preliminary survey showed that commercial treaties with most nations were not only out of date but were museum pieces.

For instance, the treaty with Britain dates back to 1815.

The State Department will endeavour to obtain unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment under the new treaties.

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, saw the Prime Minister this afternoon.

The meeting is in continuation of the practice of keeping the leaders of the Opposition informed of the war.

Later Mr. Chamberlain saw the Liberal Leader in the House of Lords and Sir Percy Harris, who represents the Liberal Leader in the House of Commons. Sir Archibald Sinclair being in Scotland.

Beginning to-day, the Board of Trade

established complete control on the export of diamonds from Great Britain in an effort to prevent Germany from securing industrial diamonds which are necessary for high speed cutting tools.

## Revenge Raid On Chungking To-day

## Chinese Planes Bomb Japanese Supply Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Chinese bomber planes went into action this morning according to military officials, who said that several squadrons dropped 100 explosive bombs on Japanese military supply trains, motor lorries and warehouses between Hsinyang and Wushengwan on the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Officials claimed that both demolition and incendiary bombs were dropped, thus unfolding a new chapter in the large-scale activities of the Chinese air forces.

## MUSSOLINI RUSHES DEFENCES

### Brenner Fortifications Strengthened

ROME, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—

Signor Dino Aliferi, who has been appointed Italian Ambassador to Germany in place of Signor Bernardo Attolico,

is known as a fervent admirer of everything German.

His appointment is regarded as another effort to show Germany that Italy is ready to advance the German cause by all means diplomatically and economically.

Meanwhile it is reported that work continues day and night on the fortifications on the Brenner.

Work on the 1942 Exhibition has lately slowed down and it is rumoured that road-makers, masons and brick-layers have been given work on the fortifications and that raw materials are diverted to national defence.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

**OUTWARD MAIL TIMES.** Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

**INWARD MAIL.** Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd April ..... Apr. 30. Japan ..... Apr. 30. Shanghai ..... Apr. 30. Shanghai ..... Apr. 30. Shanghai ..... Apr. 30. Straits ..... Apr. 30. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 24th April ..... May 1. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April ..... May 1. Japan ..... May 1. Canton ..... May 1. Shanghai ..... May 1. Shanghai ..... May 1. Canton ..... May 2. Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March) ..... May 2. Japan ..... May 2. Sandakan ..... May 2. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April) ..... May 2. Shanghai ..... May 3. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 27th April ..... May 4.

**OUTWARD MAILS**  
Tuesday, Apr. 30.

Haiphong ..... 2 p.m. Straits ..... 2.30 p.m. Straits (Parcels only) ..... 5.00 p.m. Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, 7th May

K. P. O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5.00 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m. G. P. O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5.00 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 7.00 p.m. Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 8th May

K.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 7 p.m. Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 6th May

K.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 7 p.m. Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th May

K.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. ..... Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Ord. ..... Apr. 30, 7 p.m. Japan ..... 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1

Singapore ..... 10 a.m. Straits and London via Long-Sea-Route—due London, 11th June

G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels ..... May 1, 5 p.m. Reg. ..... May 2, 9.45 a.m. Ord. ..... May 2, 10.30 a.m. Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ..... 10.30 a.m. Amoy ..... 12.30 p.m. Shanghai ..... 12.30 p.m. Shanghai ..... 3.30 p.m. Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Franco (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 9th May

K. P. O. Reg. ..... May 1, 5.00 p.m. Ord. ..... May 1, 5.30 p.m. G. P. O. Reg. ..... May 1, 5.00 p.m. Ord. ..... May 1, 7.00 p.m. Thursday, May 2

Canton ..... 7.15 a.m. Manila ..... 8.30 a.m. Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 12.30 p.m. Swatow ..... 1 p.m. Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa ..... 3.30 p.m.

Amoy ..... 7 p.m. Manila ..... 7 p.m.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.****HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB****TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Matches have been rearranged as follows:

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Wednesday, 1st May.

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Friday, 3rd May.

Play commences 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

Booking for Stand Seats now open at Moutres.

**THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.****NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

**NOTICE**

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
H. ALVES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

**M.S. "PANAMA"**

Consignees of cargo by the above vessel are notified that all cargo is being discharged into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. whence delivery can be effected on presentation of original Bills of Lading countersigned by the Marshal in Prize, Courts of Justice. All charges incurred in landing and warehousing this cargo are for the account of consignees; pending completion of Steamer's account, a deposit of the amount of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Tariff Landing Charge plus 100% is payable, this amount being subject to final adjustment. Hong Kong Cargo remaining undelivered after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 30th April is subject to additional storage charges. All damaged packages will be surveyed by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29th April.

No fire insurance has been effected.

T. J. GOULD,  
Marshall in Prizo.

**G. R.****NOTICE****WATER SUPPLY**

It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 1st May until further notice.

A. R. PURVES,  
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 29th April, 1940.

Play commences 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

Booking for Stand Seats now open at Moutres.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before 5th May, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
Agent.

**VIOLENT ATTACK EXPECTED SOON**

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Tuesday,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

April 30, 1940.

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## MAGAZINE PAGE

How BRITAIN is MEETING  
the MENACE of the MINES

IT was pitch dark on the wharf the minesweeping trawlers were moored.

The wharf was slippery with ice and still smelt of fish. But instead of barrels of cod-liver oil, all the paraphernalia of minesweeping, and buoys and sinkers and coils of wire, were heaped up under the sheds.

Looking eastward from the deck of one of these trawlers, I saw the dawn coming through a cobweb of shrouds and railings that glistened with hoar frost. The trawlers were packed together in the basin like sheep in a pen, and the smoke from their funnels rolled away in sooty black clouds. What sounds there were came from below—shovels scraping on the stokehold plates, and the clang of a furnace door. Presently an unfamiliar ob-

ject in the stern caught my eye and in a minute or two when the light grew stronger I saw what it was. Right aft, where normally the ensign staff stepped, was a Christmas tree.

I felt that it was symbolic of something, apart from being a reminder of recent festivity, and while I was ruminating about it the siren tooted three times and we began to ebb our way stern first out of the jam. We were the first out and as we glided clear the skipper of the adjoining trawler a few feet away grinned at us. We were going to spend the day together, his little ship and ours, yoked together by a magnetic sweep in a fairway where magnetic mines were suspected to be lying.

GERMAN mines are roughly of two types. The magnetic mine which lies on the bottom, and the moored impact mine. The magnetic mine doesn't require to be struck to detonate. It explodes when a ship passes into its magnetic field. Counter measures against this type of mine consist in substituting a magnet for a ship and trailing it over the mine between two trawlers, both of which are hoping rather fervently that the magnet, rather than they, will do the detonating. The impact mine is moored to the bottom by a sinker and length of wire. It is detonated by a ship striking one of the horns projecting from it. I will describe presently the counter measures employed against these mines.

Well, the light began to fail so we huddled in our sweep and went bucketing home in the dusk. Our Christmas tree lit against the sky at one instant and then showed up against the broken-water stern. When we got in we reported the channel swept and apparently clear of mines.

It was daylight when we reached the open sea. A grey day with a wind out of the north-east as sharp and cruel as broken glass. The little trawlers lifted their heels to the swell and threw the spray over their shoulders. Occasionally a wave flopped inboard and sluiced across the deck. Everybody wriggled into life-belts and tied the tapes very carefully, without comment.

The skipper had spent the last war minesweeping. Thirty-five years he had spent in trawlers, fishing and minesweeping. He was a bald, clean-shaven man, husky as a crow, and had a secret contempt for Admiralty charts. He confided to me that the soundings were mostly wrong inside the 40-fathom line. He was the type that I imagine finds his way about the fishing banks by smelling the lead, and some mysterious sixth sense. He confided many things to me on our way to the sweeping grounds; amongst others that he had eaten an entire bottle of cough lozenges during the night. They failed to cure his huskiness, he said, and made him feel very queer.

WELL, we reached the channel at length and slowed down. Our companion sweeper came ploughing up on our quarter and we veered a grass line to her which she picked up, and shackled a wire to it. This we hauled inboard, connected it to our sweep wire, and paid it out astern again. As the wire was paid out, various contraptions were shackled to it at intervals and finally the two trawlers started off abreast of each other, the submerged sweep towed between them. It all sounds very simple and straightforward as I have described it. Actually it was a magnificent bit of co-ordinate team work and seamanship. The trawlers pitched and rolled and the icy spray drifted over them. The man at the winch, with a bright-blue balaclava helmet on his head and a cigarette in the corner of his mouth, controlled the wire miraculously, checking it to a foot when it was necessary to shackle on some appendage. He had the lives of everybody on that heaving deck in his hands, over and over again, scores of times during the day. The mate working on the shackles with a marlin-spine had bare hands scarred all over with old gashes and streaked with blood from new ones. Once the spike slipped or was jerked from his numb fingers and went overboard. Somebody handed him another; he put out his hand for it automatically, in silence. There were scarcely any orders except in the customary underlines. Nobody got in anybody's way or was at a loss in any emergency. There are times when a wife can behave like a mad python and be rather more dangerous. Every man on deck had handled wires from childhood, knew exactly what to do without being told, and did it.

Quite a large part of this booklet is taken up with a dictionary of this language. There are entries in it like:

Flying trapeze. Cheese.  
Corp..... Form of familiar address to a friendly corporal.  
D.A. .... Damn all. Self-explanatory.  
Deck ..... Look.  
Gaspirator ... Gas mask.  
P.B.I. .... The Infantry's name for itself.  
Sugar ..... Money.

"Wear two pairs of socks."

"Leave sick parade alone as far as possible."

THERE is some extremely helpful advice about how to recognise an officer in the blackout:

"You must be guided by his hearing, for it is a fact that the possession of the King's Commission gives a certain air or swagger readily distinguishable by the army man."

"There may be two brothers, one a gorgeous Sergeant-Major and the other humble Second-Lieutenant, but there is still some subtle difference. Shall we say one has the 'spit' and the other the 'polish'?"

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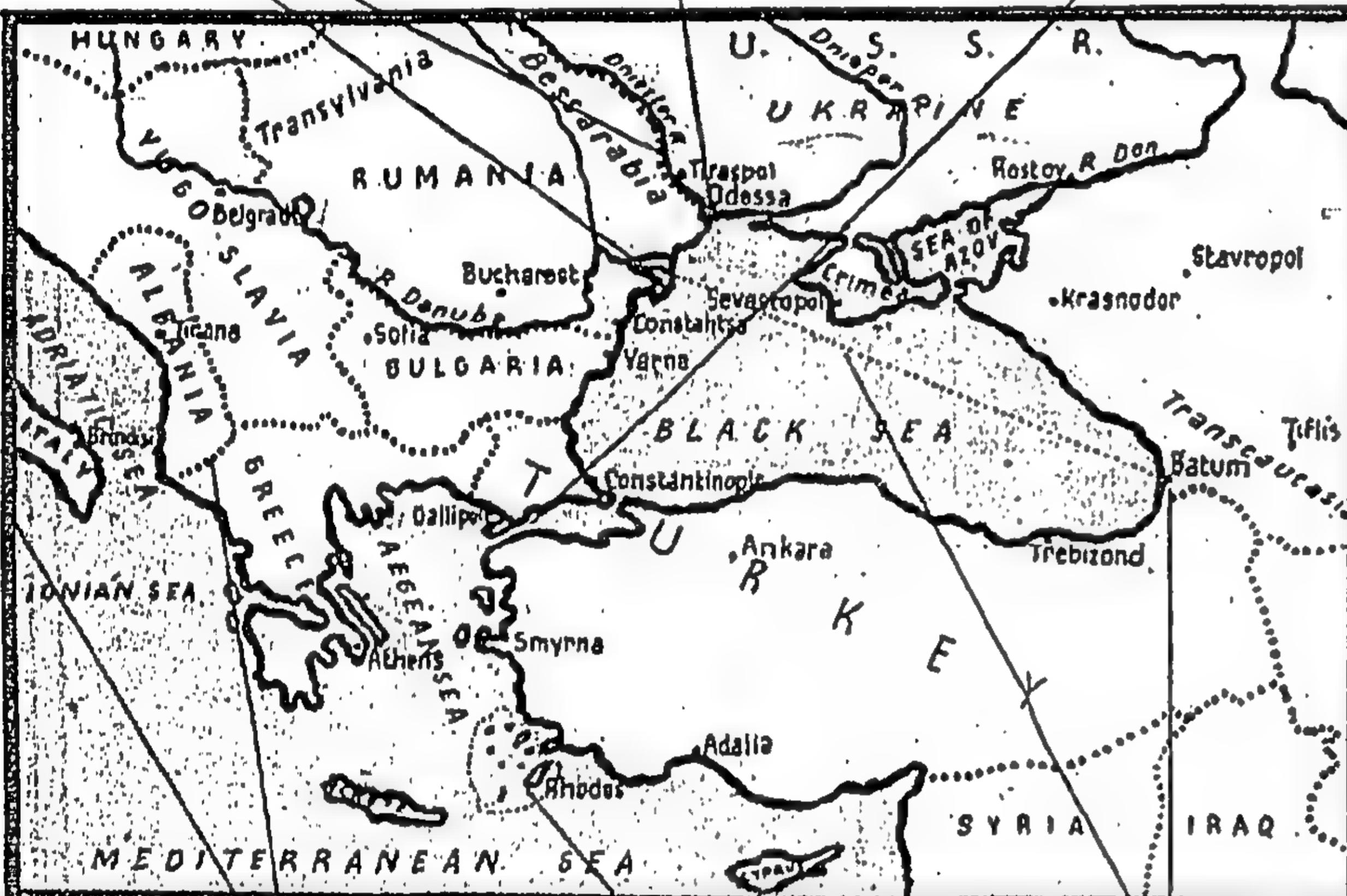
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## BLACK SEA NEWS REEL

Romania, controlling Danubian outlet to Black Sea, and disturbed by rumours of revived Russian claims, Bessarabia, watches Soviet Turkish manoeuvres fearfully.

Odessa: Russia's Black Sea naval-air base and most important port for export of petroleum to Far Eastern-Soviet army.

Turkey resists Russian pressure to close Dardanelles (already refitted by Turks) to foreign warships; wishes for treaty securing relations with Russia yet compatible with Anglo-French commitments.



Italy works to form neutral Balkan bloc under Italian influence, withdraws troops from Greek-Albanian frontier to reassure Greece.

## ROOKIES, 'SHUN!

by Will Shebbeare

NO longer can Turkey be dismissed lightly as "The Sick Man of Europe." To-day, powerful and as united as any Power in Europe, she holds a key position in the fateful game of power politics.

But this key position has dangers as well as advantages, and certain of the dangers are seen in the delays in the negotiations now taking place in Moscow between M. Sarakhan, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Prime Minister.

Why is the Black Sea (over 700 miles long and nearly 400 miles wide) so important to Russia? The map above shows the factors which help to keep this inland sea one of the most important strategical points in Europe.

First, Russia must guard those vital lines of communication between her two ports, Odessa and Batum, and the Mediterranean, the Danube and the Far East. Once loose in the Black Sea, foreign submarines could do untold damage to Russian shipping, and warships with the aid of aircraft could possibly destroy the Baku oil fields behind Batum.

But such ships could only pass into the Black Sea through the narrow, 40-mile channel of the Dardanelles, which joins the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. And the guns of Turkey dominate the Dardanelles.

But Turkey, watching and countering the southward drive of the German-Hitler axis, needs Anglo-French backing, and the price of that backing is the opening of the Black Sea to the Anglo-French fleets in time of war. That is Turkey's dilemma.

TO-MORROW I go to join the Army. And in the nick of time there arrives for review a shilling booklet "full of advice and hints for young soldiers."

I say "in the nick of time" because I understand from this booklet that my fellow-soldiers will talk a language of their own. And how without this booklet I could have understood a word of what they will be saying I cannot for the life of me tell.

Quite a large part of this booklet is taken up with a dictionary of this language. There are entries in it like:

Flying trapeze. Cheese.  
Corp..... Form of familiar address to a friendly corporal.  
D.A. .... Damn all. Self-explanatory.

Deck ..... Look.  
Gaspirator ... Gas mask.

P.B.I. .... The Infantry's name for itself.  
Sugar ..... Money.

"Wear two pairs of socks."

"Leave sick parade alone as far as possible."

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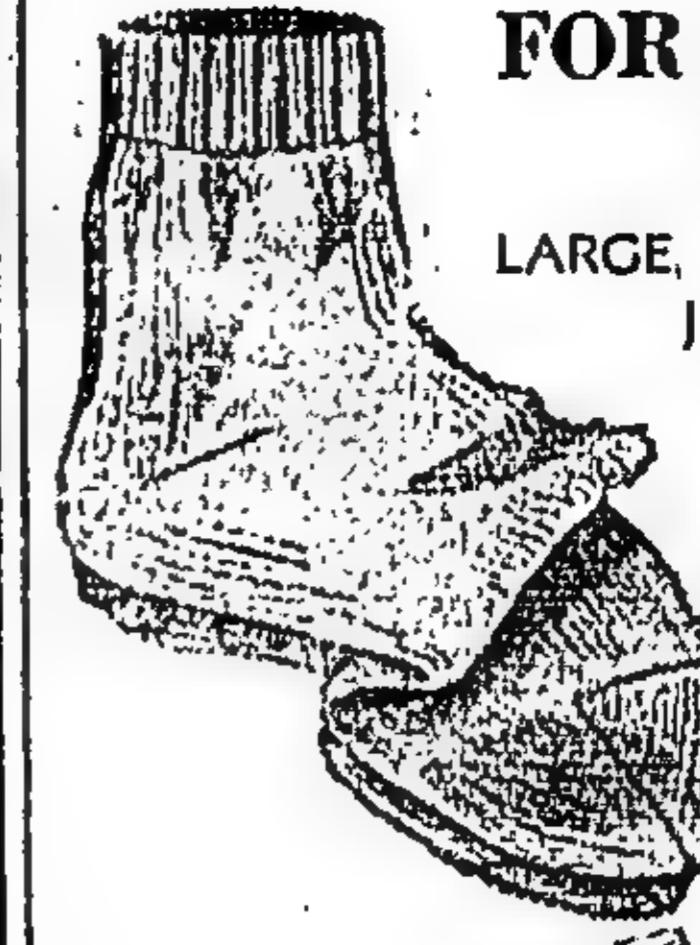
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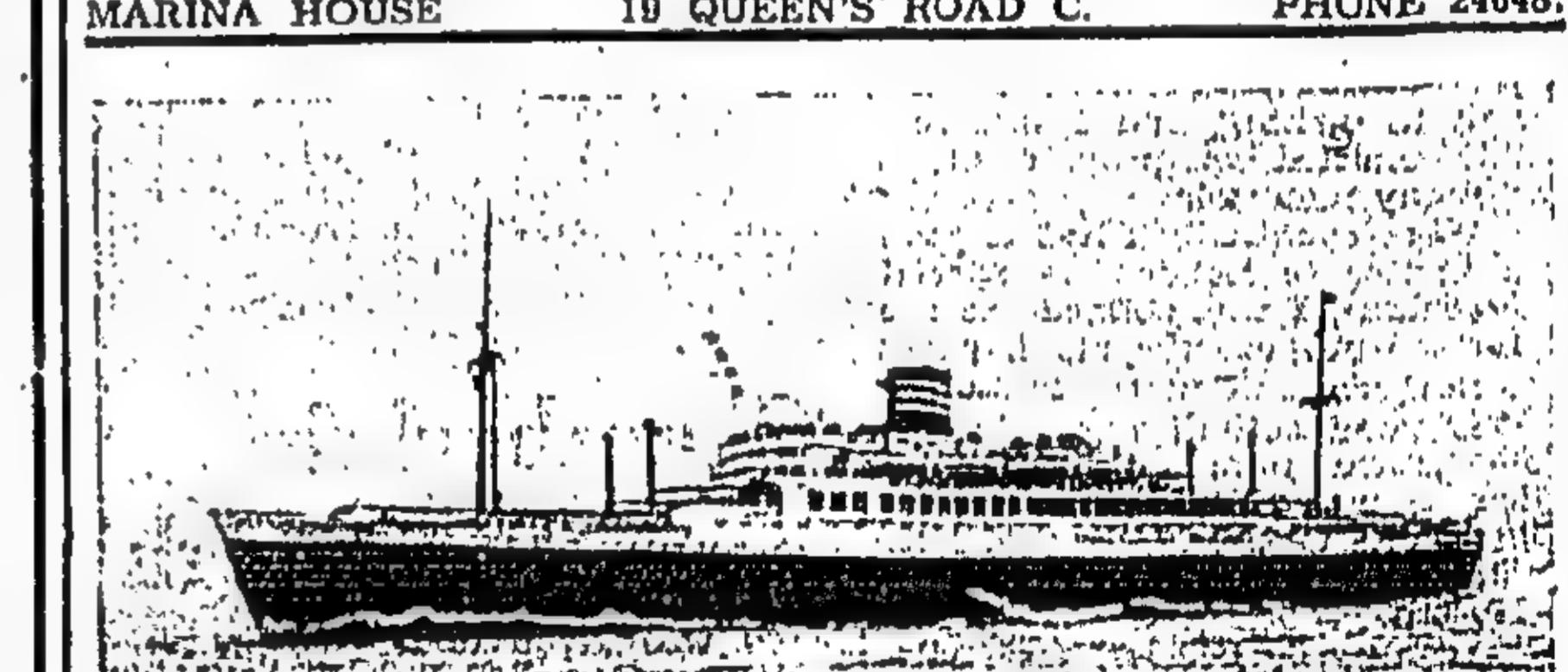
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**Chamberlain meets Hitler and Goering threatens that if there is war—**

# 'LONDON WILL BE IN RUINS'

Negotiations in the Sudeten crisis—the origins of which were described yesterday—dragged on at Prague throughout the summer of 1938.

When, in July, deadlock was reached, the British Government sent Lord Runciman to act as independent mediator.

But before that mission could reach a settlement the next Nazi Party Rally was being held at Nuremberg, and Hitler was making a speech that "set a torch to the Sudeten lands."

Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, reveals to-day more secrets of those dramatic days.

I AM personally, not likely to forget in a hurry my second visit to Nuremberg in 1938, cooped up for five days in the diplomatic train, without privacy and practically without means of communication.

I was already feeling very unwell at the time of a malady which was to put me here de combat for four months in the winter; sleep at night in a wagon-lit compartment was hardly possible, and rest during the day there was none.

I had left Berlin on the night of Tuesday, September 6, meaning to stop a mere thirty-six hours. In the event I stopped five full days.

## Wrote notes on "thriller" pages

A railway train scarcely lends itself to writing, and I had foolishly omitted to provide myself with any materials.

When eventually I had to send a letter to London by special aeroplane, I was obliged to use for the purpose the blank pages torn from some detective stories.

My vocal activities were, on the other hand, immense. I had two long conversations with Goering, three with Goebbels, one or two with Ribbentrop, two or three with Neurath.

I conveyed, besides, an endless succession of warnings to a host of other Nazi personalities of scarcely lesser note, the cumulative effect of which, since talking there was almost the equivalent of broadcasting, I hoped would be useful.

To all except Hitler, with whom I merely exchanged banalities in the midst of my colleagues, my remarks were the same.

"If Germany makes an aggressive attack on Czechoslovakia, France is in honour bound to come to the aid of the Czechs, and if France is engaged in war, Great Britain will inevitably be drawn in also."

I felt that the most immediate matter of importance was so to impress this on the German minds that Hitler, in the big political speech which he was to make at the end of the Congress, would think twice and would not adopt therein an attitude from which afterwards he could not recede.

It was indeed clear from the beginning that Hitler himself was determined to refuse any political contact with the foreigner.

At the diplomatic reception my French colleague, Francois Poncelet, an senior member of the diplomatic body, had tentatively sought his

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The Premier arriving at Munich. With him is Ribbentrop.



views by referring to the fall of the political barometer.

Hitler had curtly replied that weather forecasts were always wrong and turned the subject.

He was in the midst of his whole Nazi army and after May 21 he was not for a moment going to allow it to be thought that he was subject to any further external dictation.

It was my absolute conviction then, and with the enlightenment of time it was even more so, that he would have declined on the ground of all his other numerous engagements to receive me if I had asked for a special audience.

Also, if I had given him through Ribbentrop any official warning—which must have become public property—the effect would have been to drive him right off the deep end, and would have made an immediate aggression on Czechoslovakia unavoidable.

The idea of a public warning to be given by me to Hitler at Nuremberg, which was seriously considered by His Majesty's Government was accordingly dropped at my insistence to the above effect.

But the most that can be said about Hitler's speech at Nuremberg was that it did not actually slam the door finally on a peaceful solution.

It was truculent and aggressive; it claimed self-determination for the Sudetens and promised them Germany's full support, but it set no time-limit and demanded no plebiscite.

Nevertheless, it set the torch to the inflammable material in the Sudeten lands and was the signal for an outburst of demonstrations, rioting and serious disturbances.

The Czechs replied with martial law, and Henlein reported by abandoning the Carlsbad points no longer sufficient.

In these circumstances, the Prime Minister set into operation his plan for personal contact with Hitler, and shortly after my return to Berlin I received instructions to arrange it accordingly.

I did so through Ribbentrop, and Hitler at once agreed.

**Chamberlain says 'I'm tough'**

I was given to understand that his first reaction was to save the elder man the fatigue of the journey by going himself to London, or at least half way there.

His second was to invite Mrs. Chamberlain to accompany her husband.

There was, however, no time to consider counter proposals, and the Prime Minister left London at eight-thirty on the morning of the fifteenth and reached the Munich aerodrome four hours later.

I had myself left Berlin by train the evening before and had arrived at breakfast-time in Munich, where there were certain hurried details as regards ciphering and typing to be arranged with Mr. Correlli, the Consul-General there.

The British plane did the journey quicker than was anticipated, and I was at the aerodrome barely five or ten minutes before it landed.

Neither Mr. Chamberlain nor Sir Horace Wilson, who accompanied him, had ever flown before, and I was a little nervous how they might have stood the journey. I need not have been.

Mr. Chamberlain stepped out of the machine looking remarkably fresh and quite imperturbable. In reply to some comment of mine, he said, "I'm tough and wiry."

causing him much extra trouble and worry, as well as rendering the procedure of conversations a *deux* subsequently impossible.

## New meeting arranged

I have always regretted this, as Ribbentrop's interventions were never helpful and often the reverse.

At the later interviews Sir Horace Wilson was always present, and myself sometimes, while Kiplpatrick (of the British Embassy) acted as British interpreter and took records of the meetings.

In the course of this first conversation, which lasted for three hours, Hitler made it clear that the only terms on which he could agree to a peaceful solution by agreement was on the basis of the principle of self-determination.

The Prime Minister finally accepted this principle for himself, and undertook to consult his Cabinet and to endeavour to secure its consent to it, and likewise that of the French and Czech Governments.

Hitler, for his part, declared his readiness to discuss thereafter ways and means, and undertake to meet Mr. Chamberlain again at a date to be agreed upon, between them.

The Prime Minister accordingly left by air for London again on the following morning.

Lord Runciman was recalled from Prague for consultation, and the French Premier and Monsieur Bonnet were invited to London on September 18.

## TO-MORROW

*Hitter goes back on his word—Chamberlain's indignation—"War seemed inevitable."*

age, received the Prime Minister on the top of the small flight of steps which lead to the entrance of his unpretentious mountain fastness.

The first item on the programme was tea, which was served in a semi-circle before the fireplace situated opposite the great window of the reception room looking across the mountains to Salzburg.

After twenty minutes of desultory conversation, the Chancellor suggested to the Prime Minister that they might begin their talk and they disappeared, together with the reliable Interpreter, Dr. Schmidt, into Hitler's study.

The rest of us remained to sit and talk together in the reception room for the next three hours.

Hitler's personal staff did their best to feed and entertain us, but it was a wet and misty September evening and even the distraction of looking out of the window at the view was denied us.

On the other hand there was a constant influx of German Press telegrams about incidents in the Sudeten lands.

One, I remember, reported that forty Germans had been killed in a clash somewhere with Czech gendarmes.

A British observer, of whom there were already a number in Czechoslovakia, and who was immediately sent to verify the facts of the case, subsequently ascertained that there had, in fact, been one death.

It was a typical example of the method of exaggeration and actual falsification of news which was followed by the German Press at that time and has been ever since.

It had been my idea that it would be best for the Prime Minister and Hitler to have their meeting alone and not in the company of Ribbentrop, as would have been inevitable if Mr. Chamberlain had been accompanied by Sir Horace Wilson or myself.

It was so arranged, but in the event this was unfortunate, as, thanks to Ribbentrop and contrary to formal usage, the interpreter's record of the conversation was never communicated to the Prime Minister, thereby

leaving him very few Czechs left alive and little of London left standing."

He then proceeded to give me fairly accurate details of the numbers of modern anti-aircraft guns which we possessed at the time, as well as of the unpreparedness of England's air defences generally.

He also mentioned, as was doubtless true at the time, that the German air force was numerically superior to those of Britain, France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia combined.

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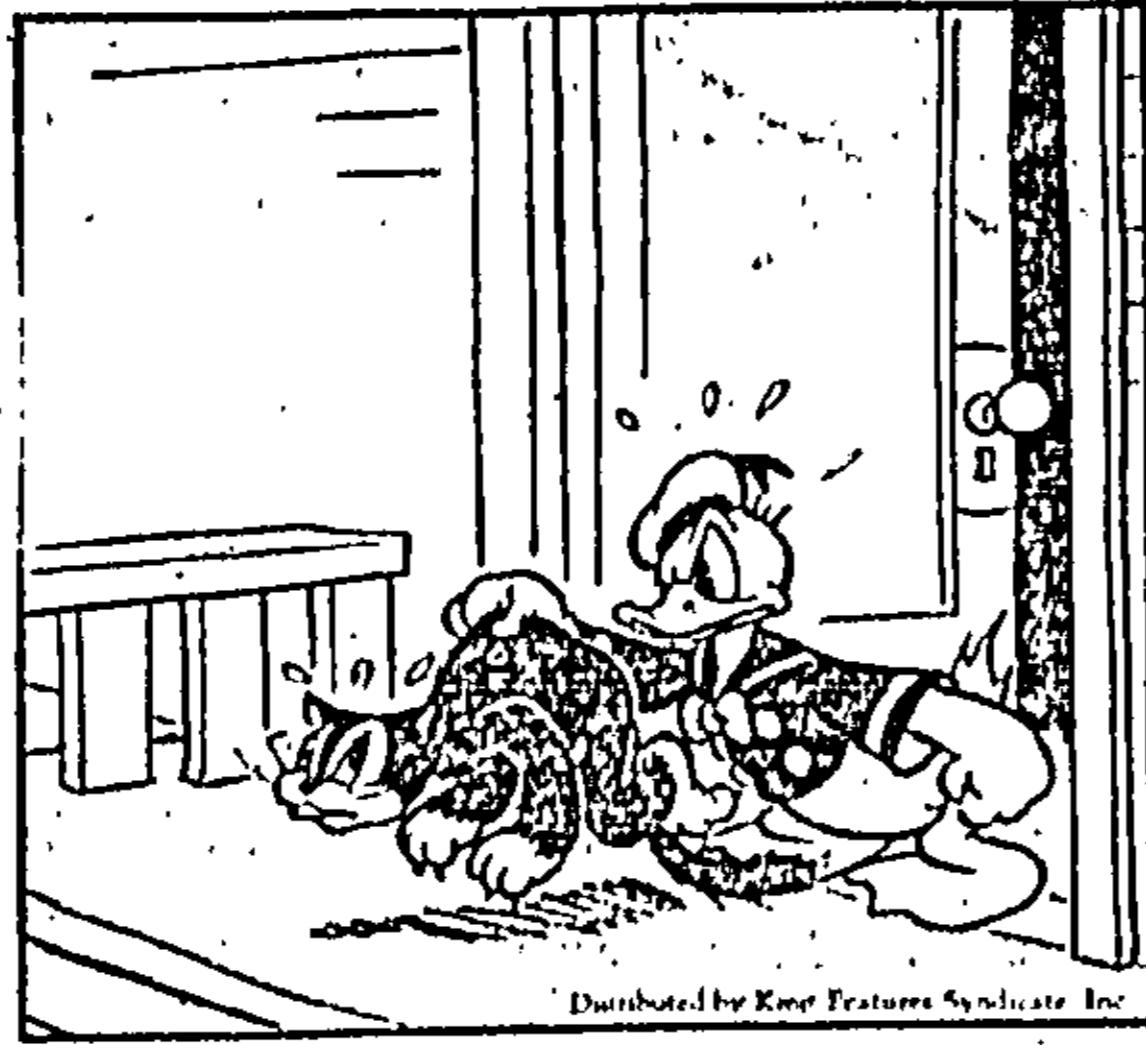
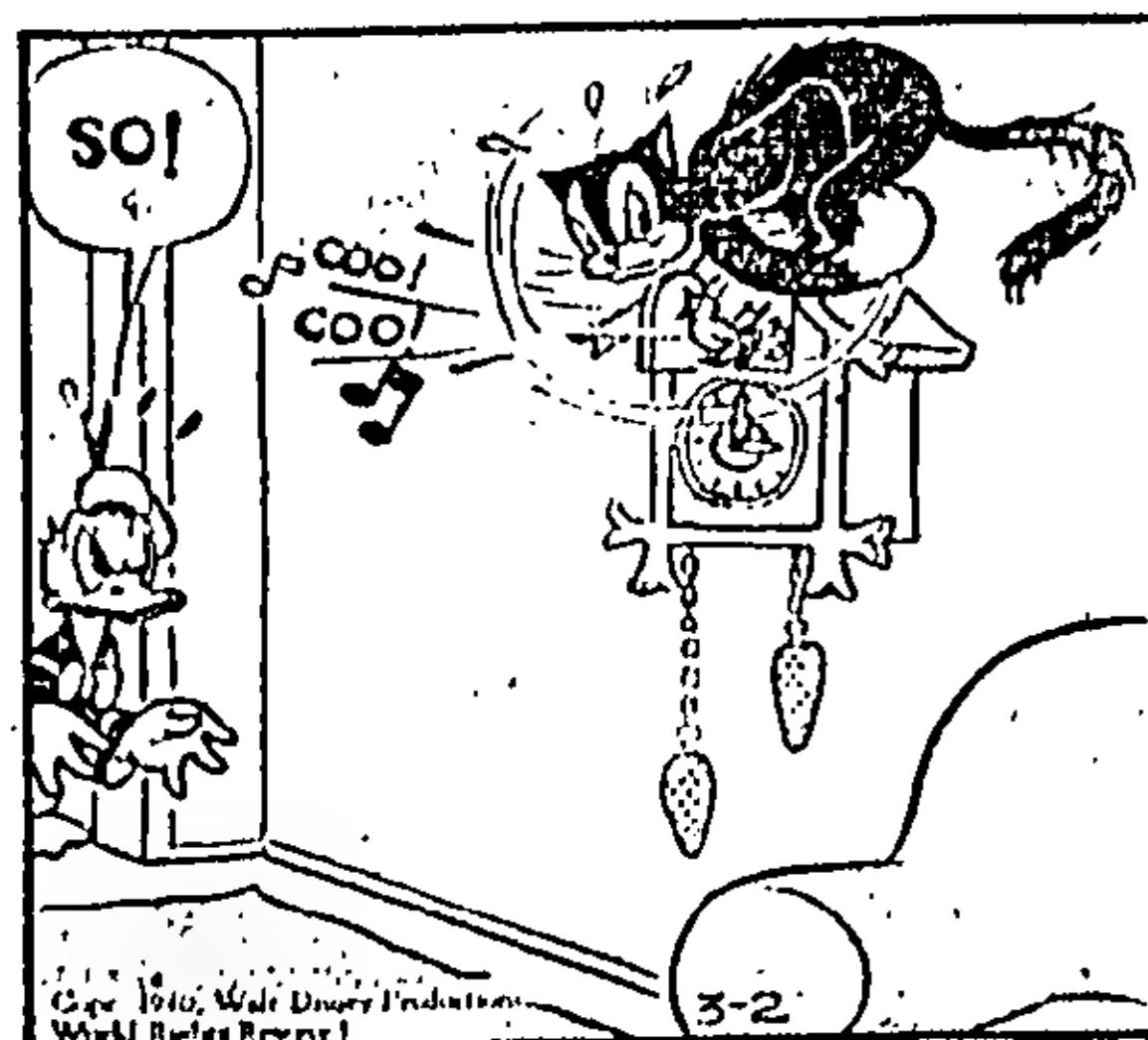
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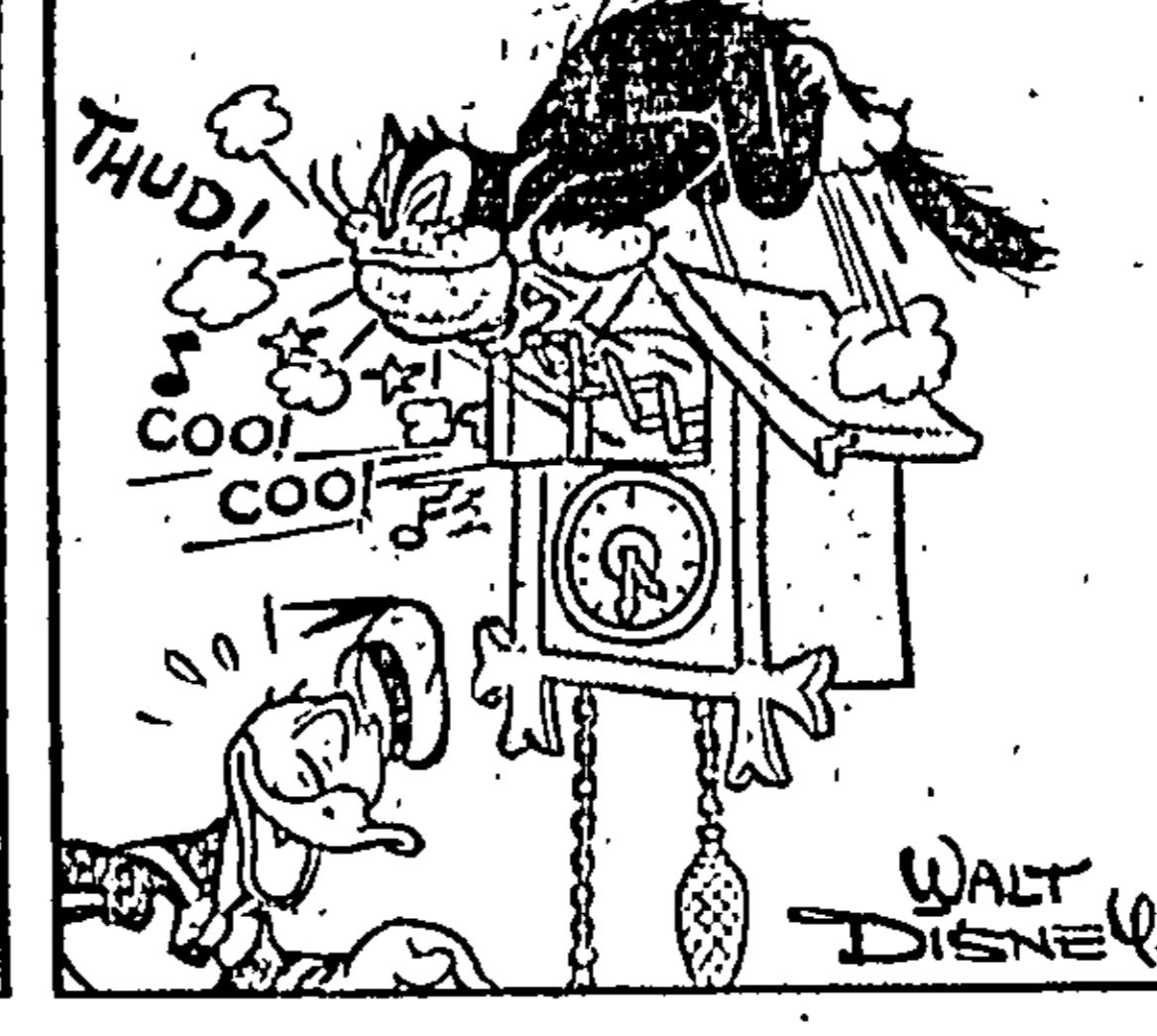
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## Three Thousand Lives Lost Every Year Could Be Saved

## Why Britain Fails To Beat Diphtheria

"Of all failures in our national health policy the most unforgivable is our inability to bring down the high incidence of diphtheria in children."

This criticism is expressed in the leading article of the current issue of "The Lancet".

"We have known for years," continues the writer, "that mere hospitalisation of cases cannot control diphtheria, that healthy carriers abound, and that it is never possible to detect more than a small proportion of the potential sources of infection."

"We know that natural immunity to diphtheria can be stimulated by artificial means and that if three-quarters of the child population were so treated diphtheria would disappear from our midst, with an annual saving of over 3,000 lives in England and Wales alone."

"It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the public fail to seek immunisation principally because they are ignorant of its benefit, and that some at least of the blame must lie on a lack of conviction within the medical profession, more particularly among general practitioners."

## 60,000 A Year

Diphtheria attacks annually some 60,000 people in England and Wales alone, and kills over 3,000 of them.

Artificial immunity lasts for years, and in many cases for life. Attacks of diphtheria after immunisation are rare and almost invariably mild.

"Apart," the article goes on, "from the advantage of individual protection, which might be expected to appeal most to a parent, it has been shown repeatedly that if 70 per cent. or more of children in a particular community are immunised diphtheria ceases to be a problem in that community."

"For example, in Toronto the morbidity-rate of diphtheria fell from 104 per 100,000 to 3.5 after the introduction of immunisation and the annual deaths from diphtheria fell from 65 to nil."

**Jannings Is Making Film For Goebbels**

COPENHAGEN.—Emil Jannings, German film star of "Blue Angel" fame, is now making an anti-British propaganda film about the Boer War, which Goebbels plans to show in every German cinema and in every neutral country—if he can.

Jannings will play the role of Oom Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal Republic and Britain's chief opponent in the Boer War, who was supported and then dropped by the ex-Kaiser.

## Advice On Knitting

In response to the Mayor's invitation, Sailor Scott visited the Mayor's parlour and saw Miss Kirby's letter.

He was entertained at tea and the Mayoresse grasped the opportunity of getting first-hand advice for her knitting circle about the woolly sailor wear.

But young Scott would not say much about his pen friendship, except that Miss Kirby's letter had made him happy.



Scott should have plenty to write to Miss Kirby about. He was rescued from a raft after three months had died from exposure.

## Scots Cutting Down Their Porridge

Scots housewives are now rationing the family breakfast porridge. Scots oatmeal which before the war was 2s. 6d. a stone is now 4s. 6d.

The manager of a leading Glasgow firm of suppliers said: "Porridge is still the cheapest dish in the country. We always have a steady demand from the country districts, but there is a noticeable falling off since the price went up."

"We are getting a supply of Canadian oats at cheaper rates, but it is not so good for making porridge." [Oatmeal is made from kiln-dried grain from which husks have been removed.]

In 1938 there were 402 deaths so reported, 100 men and 322 women.

I called to see Mr. Gabb at his flat. He was born 65 years ago, and appears to be well established for figuring as a centenarian.

## No Golden Rule

But he has no golden rule for longevity to impart.

"I merely tabulate the deaths in a little book each day," he said. "I specify the number of clergymen and the number of clergymen's widows because that information is given. If other people's occupations were given I should specify that too."

"It is perfectly true that I have found old age very prevalent in Ireland and Canada. It is extraordinary how many really old people there are in those two countries."

**Heavy Losses In the '80's**

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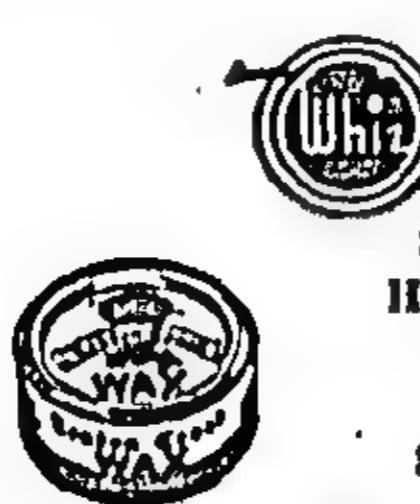
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## NOT SHORT CAMPAIGN

### Germans Warned By Norwegian Press

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Stockholm "Allehanda" states that the reasons for the German attack on Norway cannot have been economic, for Britain can only be blockaded in the Atlantic—the loss of Scandinavia does not affect British economy.

From a strategic viewpoint, what benefit can Germany derive from bases in Norway when the number of surface vessels is reduced by 50 per cent? There are somewhat better possibilities for submarines, but the construction of submarine bases is a lengthy task.

The Norwegian campaign must not be expected to be short and decisive.

#### Stalin Learns Lesson

Russia appears to be prepared to observe the Moscow peace and no difficulties remain unsolved between Russia and Finland. Stalin's unpleasant experience in the Finnish war has taught him to be more careful in future. The Finnish war made Russia more dependent on Germany and immediately the war concluded Russia became less friendly to Germany and denied all reports of a Rome-Berlin-Moscow triangle.

The Swiss Press welcomes the Swiss trade treaty with France and England. The "Volkstreich" says: "The news will be hailed throughout Switzerland with satisfaction and some relief. There were many serious difficulties to overcome, but this only makes our pleasure over the final outcome greater."

#### Trickery And Treachery

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The British Press yesterday was mainly concerned with events in Norway.

"The Times," for instance, says that it has now been proved beyond doubt that Germany owes her present gains on Norwegian soil to the trickery and treachery that met her half way from the Norwegian side itself.

After speaking of various forms of help that the Germans in Norway gave to Germany, "The Times" says that the moral for neutral states is perfectly obvious and measures are being taken to effect it.

If one wishes to prevent the destruction of a country's independence by Nazi violence one must prevent it from being undermined by Nazi stealth.

Discussing Sweden, the "Daily Express" quotes a passage from "Mein Kampf" in which Hitler said that a clever conqueror will always impose his demands on the conquered by instalments.

Possibly Hitler is using this technique against Sweden.

Sweden, of course, is entitled to decide on her own policy and to judge her own interests for herself.

She has one trump card to use. The moment Hitler decides war. The Swedish iron ore mines could be wrecked. This is why Hitler hopes to conquer Sweden without fighting.

The "Daily Mail" feels that although more men and equipment should be sent to Norway without stint or delay the war will be finally won only in France.

On the other hand, the "Daily Herald" says that the campaign in Norway is of first importance and any "inclination" to regard it as a sideshow must be laid aside.

The "Glasgow Herald" takes a similar view to that voiced by the "Daily Mail". It says that the result of the campaign in Norway will not be a decisive factor between the Allies and Germany although it will certainly influence events elsewhere.

## Nazi Raid On City Of Molde

### Open Town Extensively Damaged

HELSINKI, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Some details of the German raid on the city of Molde are given by the Helsingfors Bureau of the Norwegian telegraph agency.

It is stated that German planes bombed the centre of the town, causing extensive damage. It is not yet known whether there were any casualties.

#### Plane Shot Down

One German plane was shot down and burst into flames. Two of the occupants were killed and the others were taken prisoner.

Several German planes were brought down near Arendal.

At sea, there have been engagements between Norwegian and German warships.

The German warships were supported by aircraft. One Norwegian ship was set on fire.

## Nazis Attack Red Cross

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The leader of the Swedish Red Cross Organisation who has brought back Norwegian refugees from the Oster Valley describes how the Red Cross convoy of cars, clearly marked with a red cross, was attacked by three Nazi bombers on Saturday.

Scores of people in the convoy escaped by fleeing into the woods but the vehicles of the convoy were considerably damaged by machine-gun bullets.

The office of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public on Thursday, May 2, being the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

## GERMANY EMPLOYS POLAND TACTICS

LONDON, APRIL 29 (REUTER).—"REUTER'S" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT THE GERMANS ARE NOW EMPLOYING IN NORWAY THE TECHNIQUE WHICH WAS SUCCESSFUL IN POLAND.

They hope to dislocate the Allied communications by bombarding railway junctions and quays while bombers are flying low and dropping barrages of bombs to prevent reserves arriving.

More than anything, they wish to prevent the landing of anti-aircraft guns, for without interference from these, they can fly very low.

Reports, however, indicate that the Allies have landed many batteries of anti-aircraft guns, and thus the positions of their bases are more stabilised.

It is certain that the Allied position at Narvik is daily becoming stronger as communications remain uninterrupted and the Allies are able to work with freedom of movement.

#### Finger-Like Thrusts

By Webb Miller  
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Military sources here estimate there are now 45,000 British and French troops supported by an unknown number of Norwegians battling against 60,000 Germans in Norway.

The main German objective is Hjerkinn and their troops are racing up the Gudbrand and Oster valleys in an attempt to contact the German garrison at Trondheim before the Allies have time to reinforce their advance forces or attempt to crack the Trondheim fortress.

Two thousand British territorial and ten thousand of the famous French (Blue Devils) Alpine Chasseurs are at Namros while hundreds of trucks are rushing up supplies.

Germany is making five finger-like thrusts in south and central Norway as follows:

1.—An advance from Oslo to Gullsik and Voss, seeking to join a column marching northeast from Bergen.

2.—An advance up the Gudbrand Valley where four separate columns are moving north from Oslo seeking to take Dokkum and so wreck the Allied communication lines, to all central Norway.

3.—The Hjerkinn front in which a column is going up Oster Valley split into three parts.

4.—The Tynset front where a column is moving west trying to cut the railway at Ulberg.

5.—At Roros.

The situations at Trondheim and Narvik remain unchanged.

#### Allied Reinforcement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. (UP).—It has been reliably stated that the Allies have widened their landing base in central Norway with large disembarkations of planes, anti-aircraft guns and troops in a Norwegian Fjord 100 kilometres northwest of Andalsnes and also at Sundals Fjord, 50 kilometres northeast.

From the latter point they will rush reinforcements quickly inland to the villages of Opdal and Berkak in a dive up the Oredal Valley to consolidate the defence of Ulberg and Hjerkinn against the German motorised thrusts.

## A Soldier's Indiscretion

### War Office Denies Wild Reports

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

The War Office has made the following announcement:

The statements made that the British Commander at Narvik has been superseded by the French are untrue.

The statement that our men were unarmed and without reserves is nonsense.

"As in previous exaggerated statements, the reports have been based on conversation with a soldier influenced by his own personal experience during the heat of battle and without knowledge of the situation as a whole."

It is understood that the statements referred to are made in a report that has been circulated in America.

## GUARDS PROTECT H.M.S. CARADOC

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The English cruiser Caradoc has arrived at Los Angeles and will be allowed to remain 24 hours.

Immediately she arrived, a strong guard was posted to prevent interference with her.

It is reported that the cruiser's mission is to blockade copper shipments across the Pacific.

## BELGIUM TAKING NO CHANCES

BRUSSELS, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Steps are still being taken to suppress subversive activity in Belgium.

Yesterday the police raided five homes in which the residents were suspected of secret Nazi tendencies. Several booklets were seized.

## Russia Shows New Spirit

### Meets Britain Halfway For Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Russia has gone a long way towards meeting Britain's trade wishes as a result of a visit paid to-day to the Foreign Office by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, who delivered the Russian reply to Britain's earlier note.

The note contained the following points on which the Soviet is agreeable:

1.—The Soviet is willing to negotiate a reciprocal trade agreement.

No Selenga Condition

2.—The Soviet will refrain from making the release of the Soviet ships Selenga and Mayakovskiy a condition for negotiation.

3.—The Soviet has indicated a readiness to discuss Russia's re-exportation of Russian imports.

4.—The Soviet refused to negotiate regarding the export of Russia's own products to Germany which, Russia claims, she recognises as a neutral right.

An official spokesman to-day confirmed that Viscount Halifax and the Italian Ambassador to London conferred last Friday on the question of resuming Anglo-Italian economic negotiations.

If these talks progress favourably a delegation will be sent to Rome.

Eiro Discusses Trade Pact

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Sean Lemass, the Eire Minister of Supply and Mr. Ryan, the Minister of Agriculture, have arrived in London and will begin a series of trade and economic discussions to-morrow.

## CANADA BEGINS AIR TRAINING

TORONTO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The British Commonwealth Air Training plan came into operation to-day with the entrance into the No. 1 Training School here of 160 aviators.

In the long low buildings of what was once a famous club, young Canadians began a month of work preliminary to undergoing specialised training as pilots, gunners and observers.

Wall Street was firm.

## King Subscribes To Defence Loan

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—King Gustav was one of the first to subscribe to a new £25,000,000 defence loan which was launched yesterday.

He bought several thousand pounds worth of bonds.

## Will Make Nazis' Mouths Water

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Lard, cooking fats, cheese and eggs will not be rationed at present despite the cutting off of Danish supplies.

This announcement was made to-day by the Ministry of Food. The Ministry also said that there were still plenty of eggs on the market.

## APPEAL TO ITALY

### Australian Premier Wants Understanding

SYDNEY, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

An appeal from Australia for a better understanding between Italy and the British Empire was made by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Premier, in a speech inaugurating a new series of broadcasts on the 25 metre band from here last night.

"Between you and us there exists a well-established friendship based on mutual respect," Mr. Menzies said. "But to-day war has come over the world and almost every nation has looked upon the struggle with anxiety."

A Pointer To Italy

"No nation is in a better position than Italy to understand the fate of Norway and Denmark and the fears of other neutral States threatened with aggression."

"In common with all members of the British Empire," he concluded, "we are determined to make a stand against aggression. I am fully convinced that the things we are fighting for are of such importance that we shall have your sympathy in our struggle."

## "Hate" Speech By Dr. Ley

### Pours Out Insults Against England

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 29 (UP).—Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Front leader, indulged in a "hate" broadcast against England to-day, when he addressed German youth at Cologne.

"We will destroy England! Every German worker is racially more valuable than any English Lord," he screamed.

Know Only Money

He went on: "The English are a race of capitalists, plutocrats and despised aristocrats, whose only thought is their money, and who know nothing but profits."

"They begrudge the German people their freedom and national existence, and they begrudge German youth your future."

"They blockade and want to starve us. They will not succeed."

## EXHIBITION OF WATER COLOURS

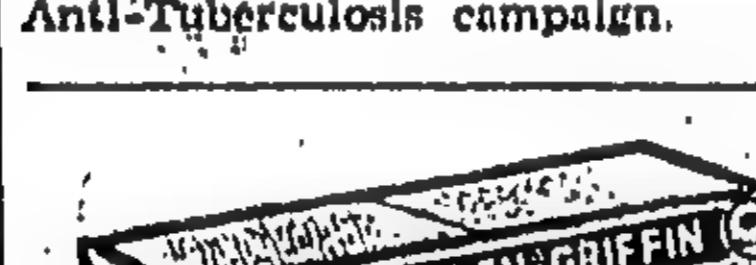
The Hongkong Working Artists' Guild is holding an exhibition to-day at St. John's Cathedral Hall of water colours and pen and ink sketches by Mr. Johnson Lee.

Mr. Lee is one of the many artists who have been brought by the war to Hongkong. His work is somewhat different from the work which the Guild has recently exhibited.

His water colours and sketches are of lovely scenes in western style, and simply straightforward statements usually emphasise the atmospheric beauty of Eastern scenes.

Mr. Lee has been assisting in designing posters for the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign—particularly in the lay out of effective Chinese characters.

This has led him to suggest that he will devote 40 per cent. of the profits of to-day's exhibition to the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign.



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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# DIPPING INTO 1940 STATISTICS

### Junior Champions Still Striving To Play-Off: Commendable Keenness

CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS the wash-out of last Saturday has not, so far, at all events, forced the I.R.C. and the Police to share the Shield. I am informed on good authority that the Recreio Club has been good enough to offer its ground for a game on Saturday next, and provided the weather is reasonably clement a game will be played.

I have been looking through a great many statistics about the two sides, though I am not very keen on figures. On the whole I think it is a very well balanced game with the Indians having a slightly stronger bowling side, but not quite such a probability of runs as have the Police. Apart from any possible breakdown in arrangements I hope to give a full report of the game in my final notes next week.

I said just now that I do not go very much on figures. A perusal of the figures of Craignow, the Army and the Civil Service in the Senior League are interesting, and I had very nearly said amusing! Griffiths heads the list with the prodigious average of 63, but when we look into it we find that he batted twice and scored 39 not out and 4.

On the other hand, Richardson apparently scored 4, 11, 0 and 0, and yet I think I should put Richardson before Griffiths. These figures, of course, referred to the League, and it was most unsatisfactory in many ways—almost as unsatisfactory as the figures.

#### BOWLING

IN bowling I was interested to see that Billmoria, who could not get a wicket to save his life at the beginning of the season, actually got 13 for 1 runs up to, which is pretty good. But if one must have figures I am all in favour of adding them over-all. Anomalies are bound to occur when you are dealing with only a very few matches.

I have not bothered to keep cricket figures for a long time. I remember in the season of 1917-18, P. H. Cobb took about 70 wickets for about 7.6. Mr. Abbit had a couple of wickets less for about 1 more. I give these figures without having looked them up for twenty years, so they may not be quite accurate, but I know that had I not been out of the C.R.C. match owing to an injury incurred in the Racecourse Fire, I think I could have just pipped Cobb on the post.

I am rather wondering now if people do get 70 wickets during the course of a season. Let one should be thought to be putting on dog, I might mention that the standard of batting at that time was extremely low, and a great many of the wickets taken were either rabbits or ferrets.

#### FINALE

TO resume the question of Saturday's match, I understand that this will be a definite finish, and indeed to play cricket in May (apart from regimental cricket), is a thing that is entirely beyond my recollection. I must congratulate the two sides on their keen enthusiasm, and to speak quite frankly, I wish to goodness the senior sides showed a little of it.

#### SPORT ADVTS.

##### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th and Monday, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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# TSUI WAI-PIU ENTERS OPEN SINGLES FINAL

### Godoy To Meet Joe Louis Again

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP)—Mike Jacobs, the world famous boxing promoter, has announced that Joe Louis and Arthur Godoy will meet again for the world heavyweight crown in the Yankee Stadium on June 20.

By his contract, Godoy is to give Louis a return bout within 60 days, if he wins, but if Louis wins it is expected that his next opponent will be the winner of the Max Baer-Tony Galento bout on May 28.

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### Call-Over For The Two Thousand Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters)—Latest call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas is as follows:

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 5/2   | Djebel (offered)                       |
| 3/1   | Lighthouse II (taken and offered)      |
| 7/1   | Tant Meux (o)                          |
| 100/9 | Fair Test (o)                          |
| 100/9 | Prince Tetra (o)                       |
| 100/7 | The Druid (o)                          |
| 20/1  | Hippitus (o)                           |
| 25/1  | Ridley, Epilobium and Nuit de Noce (o) |
| 33/1  | Turkhan (o and o)                      |

### Yankees Avenge Yesterday's Defeat

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP)—The New York Yankees Major Baseball champions avenged their defeat at the hands of the Washington Senators yesterday, winning to-day by 5-4. By the same margin of one run, the Detroit Tigers nosed out the Cleveland Indians.

The full scores were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

|              | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| New York     | 5  | 7  | 3  |
| Washington   | 4  | 8  | 0  |
| Cleveland    | 3  | 10 | 0  |
| Detroit      | 4  | 6  | 2  |
| Boston       | 11 | 9  | 0  |
| Philadelphia | 3  | 7  | 1  |

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

|            | R. | H. | E. |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Pittsburgh | 2  | 9  | 0  |
| Cincinnati | 3  | 5  | 1  |
| Chicago    | 5  | 16 | 0  |
| St. Louis  | 6  | 13 | 0  |

(Ten Innings were played.)

### Army Sports Finals To-day

The final day's programme of the Hongkong Area (Army) athletic meeting will be held at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, at 2.30 p.m. to-day. The alternative date on all invitations issued for the "At Home" should now read Tuesday, April 30, and not Wednesday, May 1.

#### Golf

### F. Buckle Wins Adamson Cup

F. Buckle (12) beat Hugh Smith (6) six and five in the final of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley on Sunday.



Part of his daily routine, Cesario Garcia, famed boxer from Manila, and middleweight champion of New York and California, is here putting in some work on the punching bag. This picture was taken while he was preparing for his bout with Henry Armstrong at San Francisco on March 2. The match was drawn, but though Garcia has tried to secure a return, Armstrong will not agree.

### EXCELLENT SHOOTING AT SUNDAY MEET

### Programme Organised By Middlesex Regt.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOOT took place over the Kowloon City Ranges on Sunday when the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment organised the programme and donated all the prizes, which were presented by Lt. Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., at the conclusion.

Ninety-eight members took part. There was a strong wind blowing from east to west, but some good scores were returned.

Prize-winners were as follows:

#### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Aperture sight, silver cup, highest net aggregate score—Sgt. Jones (D.I.C.).

Silver spoon, highest handicap score, aperture sight—Capt. Guscott (M.D.I.C.-sex); open sight—Sgt. Clarke (H.M.P.).

Silver spoon, highest net score at 200 yards aperture sight—C/Sgt. P. Hale (Middlesex) (count-out); open sight—

Mr. Jones (D.I.C.).

Open sight, highest net score at 500 yards aperture sight—Capt. Guscott (Middlesex); open sight—L/Bgt. Leong (H.M.P. Reserve); open sight—L/Bgt. Puran Singh (Sgt.); open sight—Won by Middlesex Regt.

Silver spoon to each member.

Pairs competition, silver spoon to each pair—Capt. Guscott (Sgt.);

Sgt. Merrett, V. R. J. 7 (Sgt.);

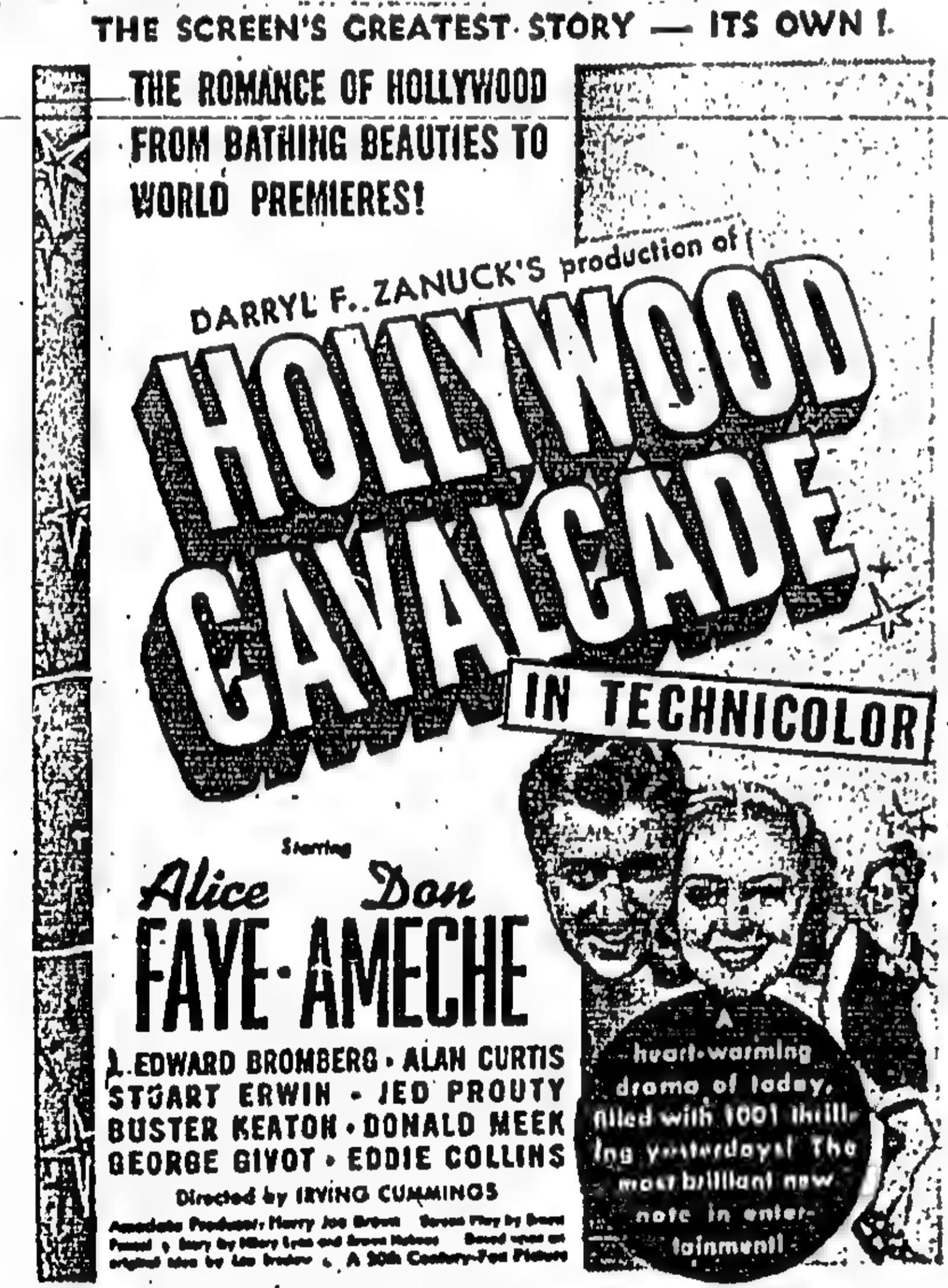
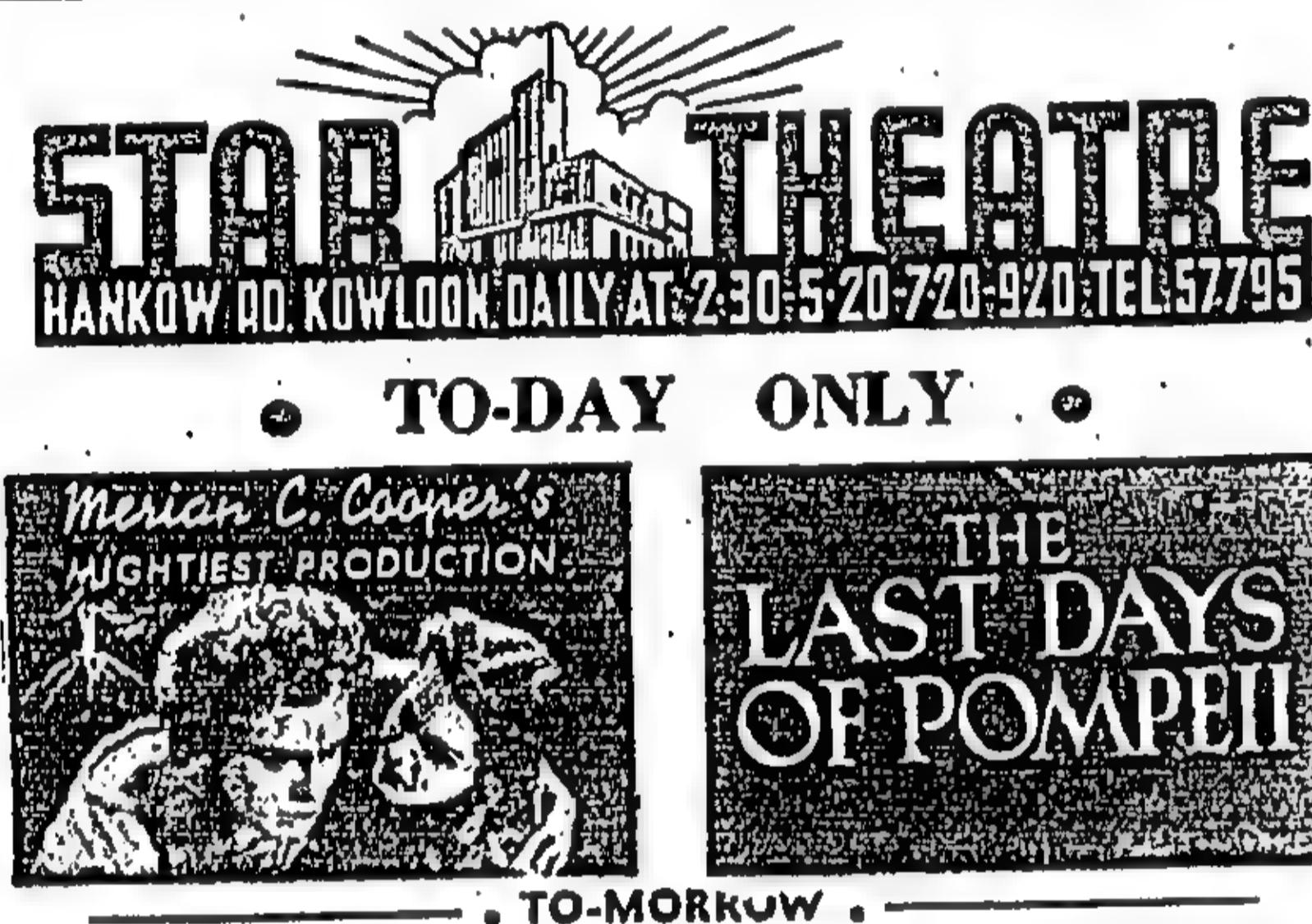
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Cpl. G. G. D. (Sgt.);



# KING'S

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## "Yes, Zur", Says The Cockney

### Evacuation Plays Tricks With Accents

LONDON.—The young cockney who had been evacuated to Somerset said "Zur" and the effect on his puzzled parents would be comparable to a New York eastside merchant suddenly hearing his off-spring say "you-all."

It will literally be a wise father who understands his own son if the "duration" of this war approaches that of the last and scholars predict that the great mass migrations from danger areas will permanently affect the English of England.

The cockneys of London are mixing with the villagers of Cornwall and Devon. The "public school" accent has become a familiar sound in quaint English villages of the shires where only the local accent was known.

#### Never Seen Countryside

Many of the poorer city dwellers had never seen the countryside until they were evacuated. Likewise many country dwellers had never been to London. Their accents, and Britain has almost as many as old churches, made them foreigners.

"Hark at me talking to I!" says the young Londoner to his astonished parents who have come down to the countryside of Dorsetshire to visit him. It's the soft accent and homely speech of Dorset and Somerset that he has picked up.

Likewise the youngsters of Dorset are confounding their parents with "Gawblimey" and "Nark it" brought from Lambeth in London by the visitors. They know now that an "Up and downer" is a quarrel to a Cockney and he knows now that if you "feel wished" in Dorset you don't feel well.

Of all the evacuation areas Wales probably will have the most profound effect upon its young visitors. Already the liquid lilt appears in their speech and they use "go over-by there" in Welsh as fluid as any word.

ADAM STARTS A WAR AT HOME

LONDON, (UP).—There is war between sculptor Jacob Epstein and Charles Stafford, who bought the sensational three-ton Epstein masterpiece "Adam" and is making a fortune showing it in side shows.

Stafford who was reputed to have bought the statue for £27,000 plans to take Adam to the United States insuring for £20,000 against submarines—and to make £1,000,000 out of its exhibition there.

He has already made as much as £1,000 in one day showing it at Blackpool, since when it has been on view in London roads.

Epstein who says that Stafford only paid £750 for the statue is furious over the suggestion. Says he resented it being shown at Blackpool and still more resents it being shown in New York where he was born. He considers it a vulgar display.

The statue on show has to be heavily guarded, as one vessel with a chisel could destroy 90 percent of the sensationalism in ten seconds.

#### NORWAY DETERMINED

Government Declaration  
Thanks Allies

HORNAR, Apr. 29. The war shall last until the usurpers have been hurled out of the country and Norway is again free says a declaration by the Government. It thanks the British, French and Polish Governments for their aid and says that together these Governments are fighting against tyranny which violates international law and seeks to subdue small nations. The Norwegian Government trusts that law and liberty will be victorious in the end.

The declaration says that the German onslaught must have been prepared long in advance since the Germans invaded Norway simultaneously at several points. Reuter.

## LATE NEWS

# Colonial Troops Reinforce Near East Armies

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Britain's Middle East Army received other Empire contingents to-day. The first contingent of the Rhodesian Territorial Force arrived at Suez.

Some of the Force is being drafted to England, but most of it will stay out here.

The contingent contains personnel of Artillery, Engineers, Signals, armoured car units, infantry and machine-gunners.

The Rhodesians, including officers, will hold concurrent rank in the Middle East Army although still belonging to the Rhodesian Territorial Force.

In the last war, the majority of the R.T.F. were affiliated with the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and as a matter of sentiment members of the present Force will, where possible, be drafted into this regiment.

A percentage of the Rhodesian contingent are all potential leaders who will be trained for commissions.

An extraordinary array of varied British uniforms is the changing aspect of Cairo's strolling population as contingents assemble from every corner of the Empire. Even the battle dress from England has now appeared.

## HEAVY U.S. SHIPPING

### Highest Returns For Ten Years

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Figures issued by the Treasury Department show that United States shipping reached the highest total in ten years despite the Neutrality Act.

Some 1,042 vessels carried 2,562,000 tons of cargo to foreign destinations during January and February, compared with 932 ships carrying 2,264,000 tons during the same months in 1939.

#### Shipments To Russia

United States shipments of copper to Russia have declined abruptly since January, possibly partly owing to fears of seizure as contraband on the ground that it might be destined for Germany.

March shipments totalled 5,984 tons and February shipments 6,400 tons as compared with 20,000 tons in January.

There were no shipments during the same months last year.

## FOOD SITUATION IN OSLO

OSLO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazi administrator of occupied Norway admits that the food situation in Oslo is very serious.

One quarter of the country's cattle will have to be slaughtered to save fodder, he says.

#### German Wounded

GOTHENBURG, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—A fugitive from Oslo has told a Gothenburg newspaper that the civilian patients have been moved out of Oslo hospitals to make room for Nazi soldiers.

Convoys of ambulances arrive nightly.

## HOSPITAL SHIP BOMBED

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Norwegian hospital ship, Brand IV, was heavily bombed by German planes to-day off Alesund, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

Five persons were killed, including a doctor, and many were injured.

## Oldest Regiment Inspected

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Press).—The oldest regiment of the Canadian regular army was inspected to-day at Aldershot by Field Marshal the Duke of Connaught.

The Regiment was the Royal Canadian Regiment, of which the Duke has been Colonel-in-Chief for 25 years.

## Lord Mayor's Fund Now £1,357,000

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Press).—During the past week the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by nearly £40,000 to £1,357,000.

March exports totalled \$2,750,000, which is the third largest monthly total ever recorded and exceeded only by those of last December and January.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT, SEN:

### TAKEN ILL IN CAR

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Mrs. Roosevelt, mother of President Roosevelt, became indisposed while returning to her New York home by automobile to-day.

She was treated at a chemist's shop, where she stayed two hours. She was then escorted home by a large number of Police who kept away inquisitive persons.

Mrs. Roosevelt blamed her indisposition on some peaches she had eaten.

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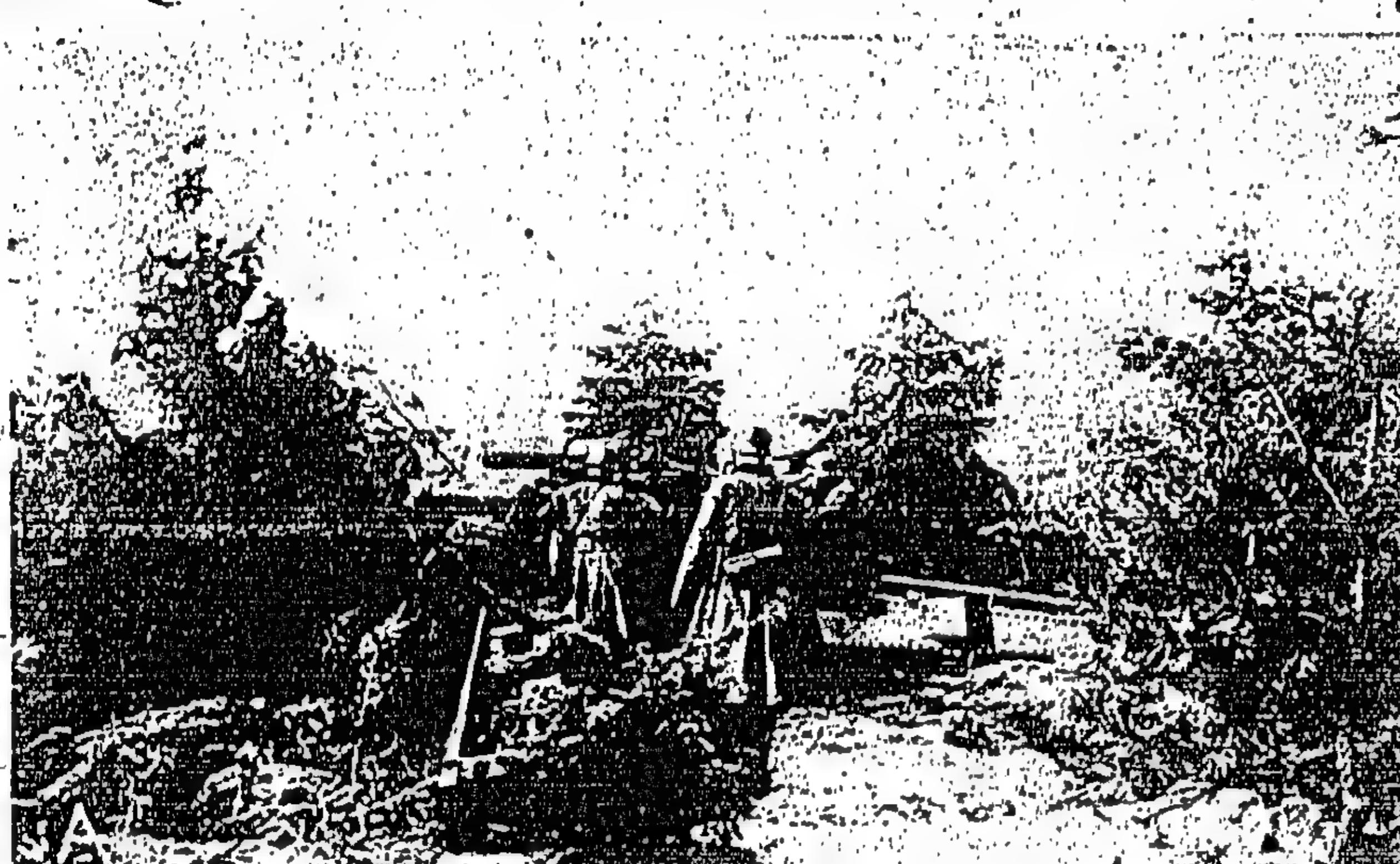
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# NORWAY BLITZKRIEG FAILS: BRILLIANT ALLIED RETREAT

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT BUT—



Official reports from the Western Front since the German invasion of Norway have been limited to "All Quiet" communiques. Nevertheless, artillery and patrol activity continues on an undiminished scale. This photograph of a big German gun was taken on the west bank of the Rhine.—Domel.

## WE WILL WIPE OUT THE ALLIED ARMY IN NORWAY

GERMAN BOAST

BERLIN, April 30 (Reuter).—The Allied Army in Norway, except around Narvik, will be wiped out to a man within ten days—according to authoritative Nazi sources in Berlin.

## Must Have Superior Air Force

New British Press Comment

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).

—The necessity of building up a superiority in the air in Norway if the Allies are to overcome the initial advantage gained by the Germans through their treacherous invasion was again stressed in several newspapers to-day.

They emphasise that the campaign will be hard but express no doubt about the successful outcome for the Allies.

The repulse of the German attacks north of Steinkjer is noted as an encouraging factor. One or two of the papers are eager to hear a statement from Mr. Chamberlain emphasising the Government's decision to pursue the Norwegian operations with resolution despite all difficulties.

Testing Time To Come

The "Times" says: "The Allies will pass through a stern testing time. Although the invading columns have not yet joined hands with the defenders at Trondheim, it will be no easy task to prevent their junction. From coast to coast, our command of the sea has secured to the Allied armies the greater freedom of movement, but to extend that freedom over the whole area of conflict, sea-power must be supplemented by superiority in the air."

To build up that superiority is therefore, the underlying necessity of the whole Norwegian campaign. In these circumstances our soldiers in Norway are faced with an uphill task. That fact has already become patent to the peoples of the Allied countries, but they have shown that they are in no way daunted.

Determination Deepens

"During the last week, more especially when the news was un-

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## MONS REPEATED & NAZI TRAP FAILS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, APRIL 30 (UP).—THE ALLIES HAVE BROUGHT THE NAZI BLITZKRIEG DRIVE THROUGH CENTRAL NORWAY TO A STANDSTILL AFTER A WEEK OF FIGHTING REMINISCENT OF THE FAMOUS RETREAT FROM MONS.

Outnumbered, constantly bombed from the air, their lines of communications disrupted by enemy air action and face-to-face with mechanised units of the type which so rapidly overran Poland, the 1940 edition of the "Old Contemporaries" made the invaders fight for every inch of Norwegian soil, every valley, every mountain-top. 60 BOMBS TO THE MINUTE

The invaders concentrated all their attention on attempting to cut the Allied lines of communication.

In many raids, bombs were being rained on the British lines at the rate of sixty to seventy a minute.

But not even the full weight of Goering's aerial machine could halt British and French reinforcements from landing or from joining up with the original small force which went to the aid of Norway.

Each hour now makes the Allied position more secure.

### CONSTANT LANDINGS

Allied troops are being landed in a constant stream.

Allied pursuit planes are more and more challenging the original German mastery of the air. Anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns are being put into action in ever increasing numbers.

### Nazi Trap Fails

The German attempt to entrap the Allied and Norwegian forces in central Norway thus appears to have failed.

Since yesterday repeated German attempts to continue the advance on the strategic Dombras-Storen Railway have been repulsed.

Now the Germans are becoming desperate.

They are sending more and more planes into the air in an attempt to break the Allied resistance.

Swarms of Heinkel bombers are launching constant attacks on the Allied positions north of Trondheim.

### Violent Battle Expected

Allied troops in this area, estimated to total more than 12,000 and receiving constant reinforcements, have dug in along the shores of Lake Naasa for what, it is anticipated, will be the most violent battle ever fought on Norwegian soil.

Namsoy, the Allied coastal base, was bombed four times yesterday.

The raids were apparently aimed at the docks, but large parts of the town, already devastated and in ruins from previous raids, are burning.

The foresight of the Allied High Command in evacuating every civilian man, woman and child from the port alone prevented an appalling death toll.

To-day's casualties among the British, French and Norwegian troops are not yet known. In yesterday's raids, eleven were killed and 27 wounded.

### Joint Communiqué

For the first time since the outbreak of hostilities in Norway, the British and French Commands have issued a joint communiqué.

It stated:

"The British Forces are in touch with the enemy north of Steinkjer. Enemy patrols have been repulsed with heavy losses, and several enemy prisoners have been captured. A British raiding party yesterday ambushed a German detachment, killing several and taking prisoners."

"There has been considerable enemy aerial activity, but few casualties resulted."

"Our aircraft replied. It is believed that one enemy aircraft was shot down."

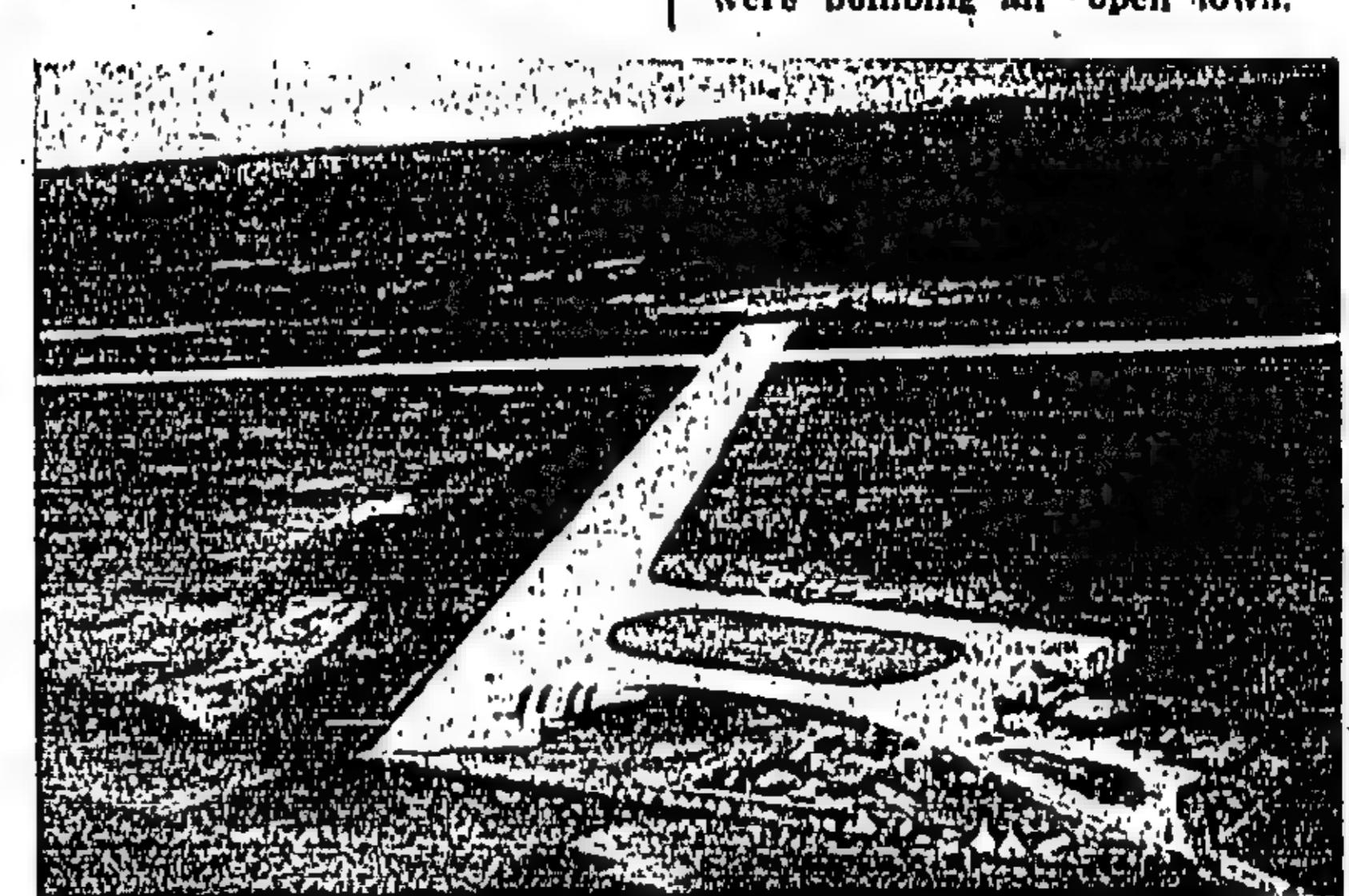
"The morale of the Allied troops is good."

### Nazi Advance Checked

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—According to latest despatches, the Germans pushing across the mountainous country south of Trondheim have been held by the Allied forces.

Fighting is reported from Hjerkinn.

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YESTERDAY, the "Telegraph" published exclusive air mail photographs of the Sola Airport at Stavanger as it appeared after R.A.F. raids. Here is a view of the airport as it was before the raids. The absence of any surrounding buildings is clear evidence of the folly of the Nazi claim that the British planes were bombing an "open town."

Revenge Raid On Chungking To-day

## Chinese Planes Bomb Japanese Supply Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Chinese bomber planes went into action this morning according to military officials, who said that several squadrons dropped 100 explosive bombs on Japanese military supply trains, motor lorries and warehouses between Hsinyang and Wushengwan on the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Officials claimed that both demolition and incendiary bombs were dropped, thus unfolding a new chapter in the large-scale activities of the Chinese air forces.

So far as land operations concerned, the military chiefs stated that fighting is continuing south and southeast of Kaifeng and the Japanese casualties in the Kaifeng sector during the past week has been well over 3,000.

A "Domei" report from Hankow admits the Chinese air raids, though it is claimed that the machines were turned back, and that only one Chinese civilian was killed by an incendiary bomb.

Rovengo Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 30 (UP).—Two flights of Japanese planes bombed the outskirts of Chungking at 4 o'clock this morning.

They took advantage of the clear moonlight for their expedition.

The air raid alarm was sounded for two and a half hours, and the all clear was not given until after 5 o'clock.

## LATEST

### JARDINE'S CREW RELEASED

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Seven members of the crew, including the captain and comodore of the Jardine Matheson ship Lescang who were detained by the Japanese authorities in Tientsin on April 23, when a quantity of silver and yen 40,000 were discovered aboard, have been released after interrogation, says a report in the "Shun Pao".

As no one claimed the silver and yen, which apparently had been smuggled from Tientsin to Shanghai, they were confiscated by the Japanese authorities, says the report.

### WAR AGAINST OPIUM

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A conference for the discussion of measures for the complete suppression of the opium traffic and poppy growing is to be held in Chungking by the Ministry of the Interior, says the "Sun Wan-Pao". Representatives of the provincial governments will be invited to attend.

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**Man & Woman Fooled****Confidence Trick With Railway Tickets**

Lum On, 20, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with obtaining 90 cents from Cheung Kiu, 28, spinster and Tang Hing, 26, by false pretences.

Lum admitted the charge. Det. Sgt. Morrison said on Sunday afternoon, Cheung and Tang were waiting at the Yaumati Railway Station for a train to Shum Chun. As they were about to buy two tickets, defendant came up and offered to buy the tickets for them. They gave him 90 cents and he brought back two tickets.

As they were about to board the train, the ticket inspector looked at the tickets and told them they had already been used.

A sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

**New Treaties Sought****Existing Facts Are Anteque Says Hull**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—As he considers the commercial treaty structure of the United States to be "antique," Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has authorised the State Department to undertake the wholesale negotiation of new treaties.

Advance discussions have already begun with some countries.

**"Musum Picces"**

Officials declared to-day that a preliminary survey showed that commercial treaty ties with most nations were not only out of date but were museum-pieces.

For instance, the treaty with Britain dates back to 1815.

The State Department will endeavour to obtain unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment under the new treaties.

**STOCK MARKET REPORT**

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Business reported was not of vast proportions, and prices are not too robust, but the spread was over a unregulated selection.

**H.K. Banks \$1,500****Bank of E. Asia \$74****Union Inv. \$400****Providence \$44****Telephones (Old) \$241****Tel. & Tel. (New) \$10****Lane Crawfords \$4.05****Wm Powell \$1****Entertainments \$7.10****Books \$2.00****Providents \$4.40****Electrics \$2.54****Telephones (Old) \$2.20****Sales \$2.21****Docks Com. Rts. \$2.21****Hotels \$2.14****Leads \$2.00****Clinics \$1.03****Trams \$1.75****China Lights (Old) \$1.75****Electric \$0.48****Telephones (Old) \$0.80****\$0.70****\$0.67****\$0.64****\$0.61****\$0.58****\$0.55****\$0.52****\$0.49****\$0.46****\$0.43****\$0.40****\$0.37****\$0.34****\$0.31****\$0.28****\$0.25****\$0.22****\$0.19****\$0.16****\$0.13****\$0.10****\$0.07****\$0.04****\$0.01****\$0.00**

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## How BRITAIN is MEETING the MENACE of the MINES

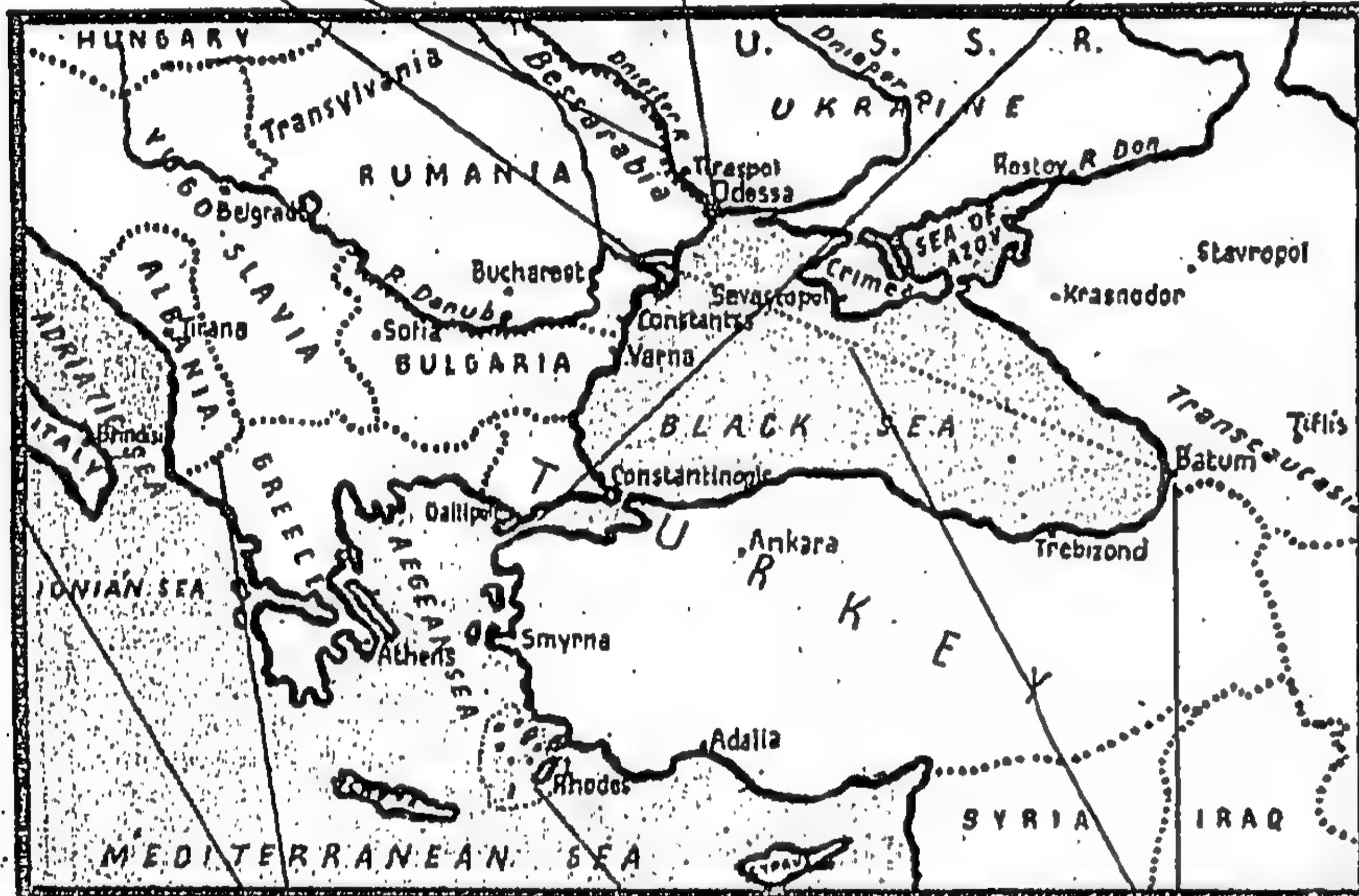


### BLACK SEA NEWS REEL

Rumania, controlling Danubian outlet to Black Sea, and disturbed by rumours of revived Russian claims to Bessarabia, watches Soviet Turkish manoeuvres fearfully.

Odessa: Russia's Black Sea naval-air base and most important port for export of petroleum to Far Eastern Soviet army.

Turkey resists Russian pressure to close Dardanelles (already refortified by Turks) to foreign warships; wishes for treaty securing relations with Russia yet compatible with Anglo-French commitments.



NO longer can Turkey be dismissed lightly as "The Sick Man of Europe." To-day, powerful and as united as any Power in Europe, she holds a key position in the fateful game of power politics.

But this key position has dangers as well as advantages, and certain of the dangers are seen in the delays in the negotiations now taking place in Moscow between M. Sarakhan, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Prime Minister.

Why is the Black Sea (over 700 miles long and nearly 400 miles wide) so important to Russia? The map above shows the factors which help to keep this inland sea one of the most important strategical points in Europe.

First, Russia must guard those vital lines of communication between her two ports, Odessa and Batum, and the Mediterranean, the Danube and the Far East. Once loose in the Black Sea, foreign submarines could do untold damage to Russian shipping, and warships with the aid of aircraft could possibly destroy the Baku oil fields behind Batum.

But such ships could only pass into the Black Sea through the narrow, 40-mile channel of the Dardanelles, which joins the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

And the guns of Turkey dominate the Dardanelles.

But Turkey, watching and countering the southward drive of the German-Italian axis, needs Anglo-French backing, and the price of that backing is the opening of the Black Sea to the Anglo-French fleets in time of war. That is Turkey's dilemma.

### ROOKIES, 'SHUN!

by Will Shebbeare

TO-MORROW I go to join the Army. And in the nick of time there arrives for review a shilling booklet "full of advice and hints for young soldiers."

I say "In the nick of time" because I understand from this booklet that my fellow-soldiers will talk a language of their own. And how without this booklet I could have understood a word of what they will be saying I cannot for the life of me tell.

Quite a large part of this booklet is taken up with a dictionary of this language. There are entries in it like:

Flying trapeze-Cheese.  
Corp ..... Form of familiar address to a friendly corporal.

D.A. .... Damn all. Self-explanatory.

Dekko ..... Look.

Gaspitator ..... Gas mask.

P.B.I. .... The Infantry's name for itself.

Sugar ..... Money.

ALL manner of advice for the timid recruit is crammed into these 98 pages. It will take some living up to:

"The army hates a slacker or a slommock."

"Do not choose a bed next to the N.C.O. or the stove—both these positions sometimes become a source of jealousy."

"Trust your officer and if any trouble should arise and you have

a reasonable explanation by all means give it. If you have none, own up like a man."

"A fatigue lasts but for a day but at any rate provides a change from the monotony of parade duties."

"Certainly in ordinary civilian life you would not be able to devote as much time and attention to such games and athletics in general as you can now."

"Wear two pairs of socks."

"Leave sick parade alone as far as possible."

THESE are some extremely helpful advice about how to recognise an officer in the blackout:—

"You must be guided by his bearing, for it is a fact that the possession of the King's Commission gives a certain air of swagger rather distinguishable by the army man."

"There may be two brothers, one gorgeous Sergeant-Major and the other humble Second-Lieutenant, but there is still some subtle difference. Shall we say one has the 'spit' and the other the 'polish'?"

SERIOUSLY, this book, *Soldiers in Training*, by Solderman (Frederick Warne and Co.), is really very hopeful. I feel reassured by having read it, and the thousands of other young soldiers who will be called up this week with me will find it worth buying.

All the same, I shall burn it before I set off for the barracks. If I were seen there with such a book I should be ragged unmercifully.

ject in the stern caught my eye and in a minute or two when the light grew stronger I saw what it was. Right aft, where normally the ensign staff stepped, was a Christmas tree.

I felt that it was symbolic of something, apart from being a reminder of recent festivity, and while I was ruminating about it, the siren tooted three times and we began to elbow our way stern first out of the jam. We were the first out and as we glided clear the skipper of the adjoining trawler a few feet away grinned at us. We were going to spend the day together, his little ship and ours, yoked together by a magnetic sweep in fairway where magnetic mines were suspected to be lying.

WHEN we came to the end of our beat the lieutenant jerked the siren lanyard and the other trawler slowed down, eased her helm over and round we came. She kept perfect station on us all day. There was no signalling except the toot on the siren at the turn. The Group Leader jerked his head at our sister trawler and made the same remark each time we steamed on the course. "Yon's a good lad," he said.

We passed the day yarning. The men stood huddled on the lee side of the upper deck smoking and watching the sea. They were all fishermen from Stornoway and Peterhead, Hartlepool, Shields, Grimsby, Lowestoft. They had no illusions about their job. The week before a trawler had gone up and there was one survivor. Of the rest and the ship not a trace was found. They saw it happen. Yet they were undismayed; soft-spoken, gentle-mannered men, just carrying on with their job, supremely efficient. It is difficult to put into words what England owes them.

GERMAN mines are roughly of two types. The magnetic mine which lies on the bottom, and the moored impact mine. The magnetic mine doesn't require to be struck to detonate. It explodes when a ship passes into its magnetic field. Counter measures against this type of mine consist in substituting a magnet for ship and trailing it over the mine between two trawlers, both of which are hoping rather fervently that the magnet, rather than they, will do the detonating. The impact mine is moored to the bottom by a sinker and length of wire. It is detonated by a ship striking one of the horns projecting from it. I will describe presently the counter measures employed against these mines.

It was daylight when we reached the open sea. A grey day with a wind out of the north-east as sharp and cruel as broken glass. The little trawlers lifted their heads to the swell and threw the spray over their shoulders. Occasionally a wave flopped inboard and splashed across the deck. Everybody wriggled into life-belts and tied the tapes very carefully, without comment.

The skipper had spent the last war minesweeping. Thirty-five years he had spent in trawlers, fishing and minesweeping. He was a bald, clean-shaven man, husky as a crow, and had a secret contempt for Admiralty charts. He confided to me that the soundings were mostly wrong inside the 40-fathom line. He was the type that I imagine finds his way about the fishing banks by smelling the lead, and some mysterious sixth sense. He confided many things to me on our way to the sweeping grounds: amongst others that he had eaten an entire bottle of cough lozenges during the night. They failed to cure his huskiness, he said, and made him feel very queer.

WELL, we reached the channel at length and slowed down. Our companion sweeper came plumping up on our quarter and we veered a grass line to her which she picked up, and shackled a wire to it. This we hauled inboard, connected it to our sweep wire and paid it out astern again. As the wire was paid out, various contraptions were shackled to it at intervals and finally the two trawlers started off abreast of each other, the submerged sweep towsing between them. They drifted away astern of us and presently we heard our opposite number banging off at them with her Lewis gun. The sky cleared and the sun shone. The cook brought round tea at intervals. At intervals we dropped a buoy, and the deck was alive with writhing wires for a moment. Then a heave and a splash, and overboard went the 150 lb.沉器 and everybody took a long breath.

ALL day we went to and fro, dodging the harvest of the sweepers, laying and mooring buoys. The sun sank over the land, and as the sweepers altered course for the base, the signal lamp of the leader blinked at us through their smoke: "Two mines bearing so and so, sink and return to harbour." Well, we found when we got there that there were three of the booby things, and the sun was setting. Everybody grabbed a rifle. The Lewis gunner, who had been driving a confectionery delivery van four months ago, opened fire on the nearest mine. Provided you puncture it with sufficient rifle bullets and don't happen to hit one of the horns, a mine sinks without exploding. It was like shooting at a glass ball bobbing on a jet of water at a fair. The trawler rolled, the mine appeared and disappeared in the waves 200 yards away. The Volunteer Reserve signaller and the gunner sank the first. Then the skipper got his eye in and did some pretty shooting. The sun sank lower and disappeared. The mine followed suit amid cheers. The last one was a race against the gathering darkness. But at length it bobbed more sluggishly. Then only one horn projected devilishly from a wave crest. The Lewis gun fired one burst and it vanished.

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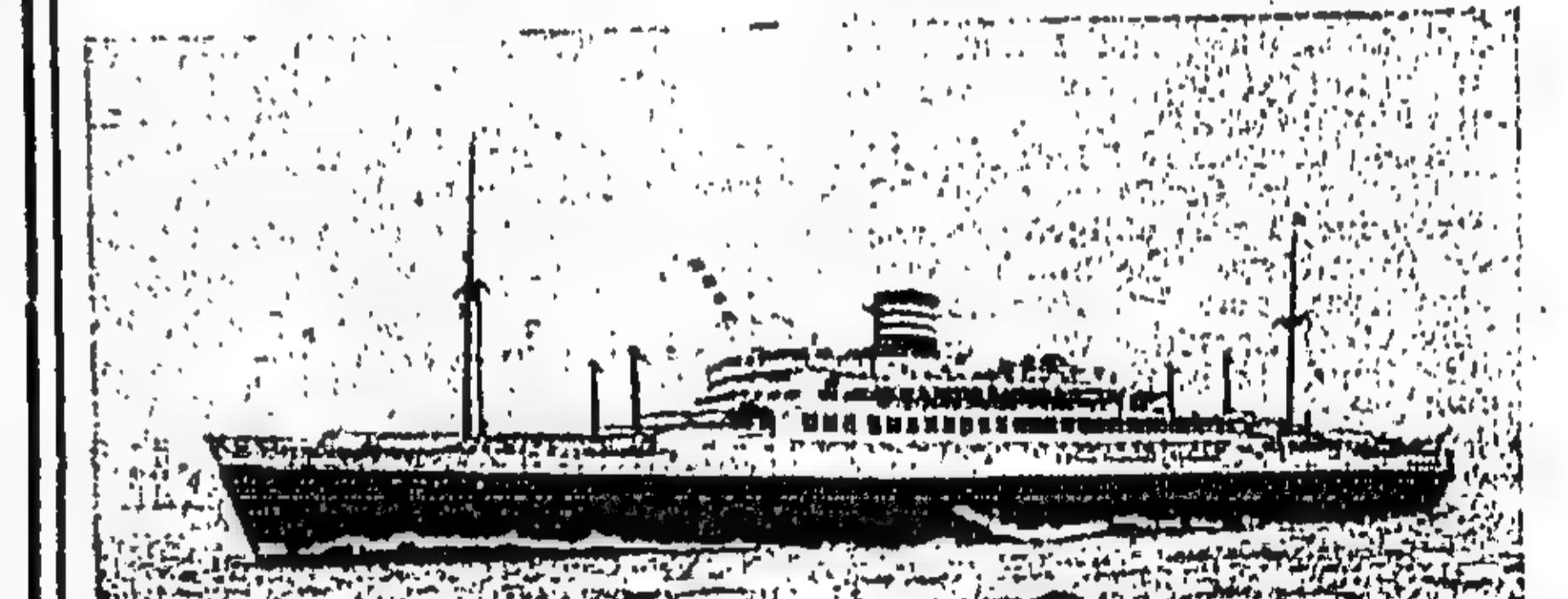
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**Chamberlain meets Hitler and Goering threatens that if there is war—**

# 'LONDON WILL BE IN RUINS'

Negotiations in the Sudeten crisis—the origins of which were described yesterday—dragged on at Prague throughout the summer of 1938.

When, in July, deadlock was reached, the British Government sent Lord Runciman to act as independent mediator.

But before that mission could reach a settlement the next Nazi Party Rally was being held at Nuremberg, and Hitler was making a speech that "set a torch to the Sudeten lands."

Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, reveals to-day more secrets of those dramatic days.

I AM personally, not likely to forget in a hurry my second visit to Nuremberg in 1938, cooped up for five days in the diplomatic train, without privacy and practically without means of communication.

I was already feeling very unwell at the time of a malady which was to put me hors de combat for four months in the winter; sleep at night in a wagon-tilt compartment was hardly possible, and rest during the day there was none.

I had left Berlin on the night of Tuesday, September 6, meaning to stop a mere thirty-six hours. In the event I stopped five full days.

## Wrote notes on "thriller" pages

A railway train scarcely lends itself to writing, and I had foolishly omitted to provide myself with any materials.

What eventually I had to send a letter to London by special airmail, I was obliged to use for the purpose the blank pages torn from some detective stories.

My vocal activities were, on the other hand, immense. I had two long conversations with Goering, three with Goebbels, one or two with Ribbentrop, two or three with Neurath.

conveyed, besides, an endless succession of warnings to a host of other Nazi personalities of scarcely lesser note, the cumulative effect of which, since telling there was almost the equivalent of broadcasting, I hoped would be useful.

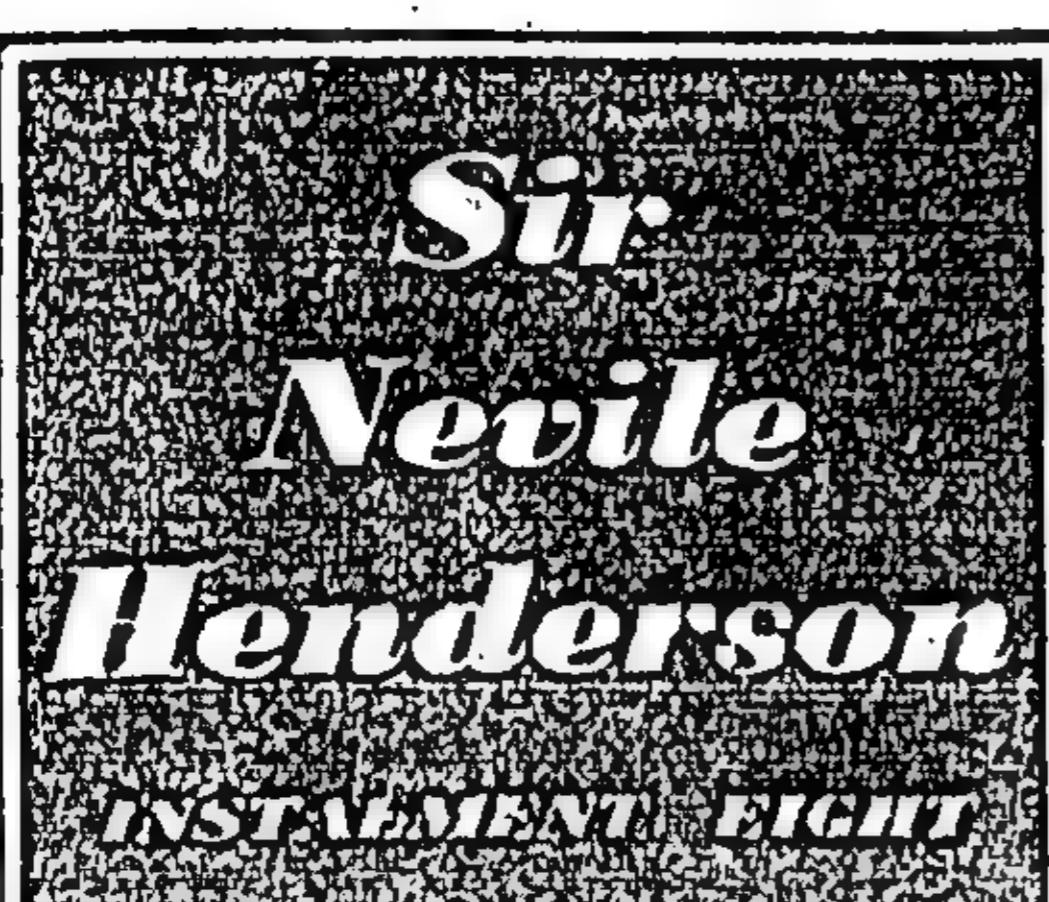
To all except Hitler—with whom I merely exchanged banalities in the midst of my colleagues, my remarks were the same.

"If Germany makes an aggressive attack on Czechoslovakia, France is in honour bound to come to the aid of the Czechs, and if France is engaged in war, Great Britain will inevitably be drawn in also."

I felt that the most immediate matter of importance was so to impress this on the German minds that Hitler, in the big political speech which he was to make at the end of the Congress, would think twice and would not adopt therein an attitude from which afterwards he could not recede.

It was indeed clear from the beginning that Hitler himself was determined to refuse any political contact with the foreigner.

At the diplomatic reception my French colleague, François Poncet, as senior member of the diplomatic body, had tentatively sought his



The Premier arriving at Munich. With him is Ribbentrop.

## New meeting arranged

I have always regretted this, as Ribbentrop's interventions were never helpful and often the reverse.

At the later interviews Sir Horace Wilson was always present, and myself sometimes, while Kirkpatrick (of the British Embassy) acted as British interpreter and took records of the meetings.

In the course of this first conversation, which lasted for three hours, Hitler made it clear that the only terms on which he could agree to a peaceful solution by agreement was on the basis of the acceptance of the principle of self-determination.

The Prime Minister finally accepted that principle for himself, and undertook to consult his Cabinet and to endeavour to secure its consent to it, and likewise that of the French and Czech Governments.

Hiller, for his part, declared his readiness to discuss thereafter ways and means, and undertook to meet Mr. Chamberlain again at a date to be agreed upon between them.

The Prime Minister accordingly left by air for London again on the following morning.

Lord Runciman was recalled from Prague for consultation, and the French Premier and Monsieur Bonnet were invited to London on September 10.

## Hitler suggests private talk

A bare half hour's grace was given us before we left again in a fleet of motor-cars for the drive of some twenty minutes up the mountain to the Berghof.

There Hitler, surrounded by General Keitel and a few other members of his immediate entourage,

### TO-MORROW

Hitler goes back on his word—Chamberlain's indignation—"War seemed inevitable."

age, received the Prime Minister on the top of the small flight of steps which lead to the entrance of his unpretentious mountain fastness.

The first item on the programme was tea, which was served in a semi-circle before the fireplace situated opposite the great window of the reception room looking across the mountains to Salzburg.

After twenty minutes of desultory conversation, the Chancellor suggested to the Prime Minister that they might begin their talk and they disappeared, together with the reliable interpreter, Dr. Schmidt, into Hitler's study.

The rest of us remained to sit and talk together in the reception room for the next three hours.

Hitler's personal staff did their best to feed and entertain us, but it was a wet and misty September evening and even the distraction of looking out of the window at the view was denied us.

On the other hand there was a constant influx of German Press telegrams about incidents in the Sudeten lands.

One, I remember, reported that forty Germans had been killed in a clash somewhere with Czech gendarmes.

A British observer, of whom there were already a number in Czechoslovakia, and who was immediately sent to verify the facts of the case, subsequently ascertained that there had, in fact, been one death.

It was a typical example of the method of exaggeration and actual falsification of news which was followed by the German Press at that time and has been ever since.

It had been my idea that it would be best for the Prime Minister and Hitler to have their meeting alone and not in the company of Ribbentrop, as would have been inevitable if Mr. Chamberlain had been accompanied by Sir Horace Wilson or myself.

It was so arranged, but in the event this was unfortunate, as,

thanks to Ribbentrop and contrary to normal usage, the interpreter's record of the conversation was never communicated to the Prime Minister, thereby

causing him much extra trouble and worry, as well as rendering the procedure of conversations a deux subsequently impossible.

He very few Czechs left alive and little of London left standing."

He then proceeded to give me fairly accurate details of the numbers of modern anti-aircraft guns which we possessed at the time, as well as of the unpreparedness of England's air defences generally.

He also mentioned, as was doubtless true at the time, that the German air force was numerically superior to those of Britain, France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia combined.

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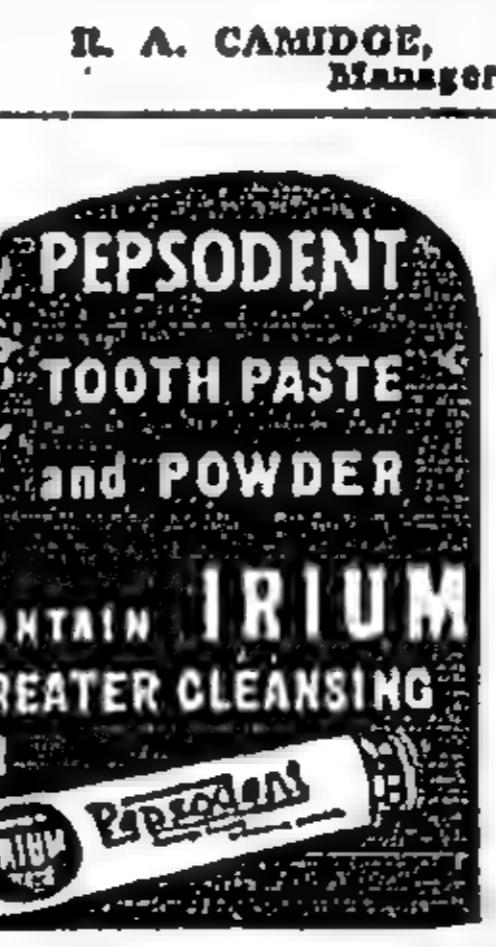
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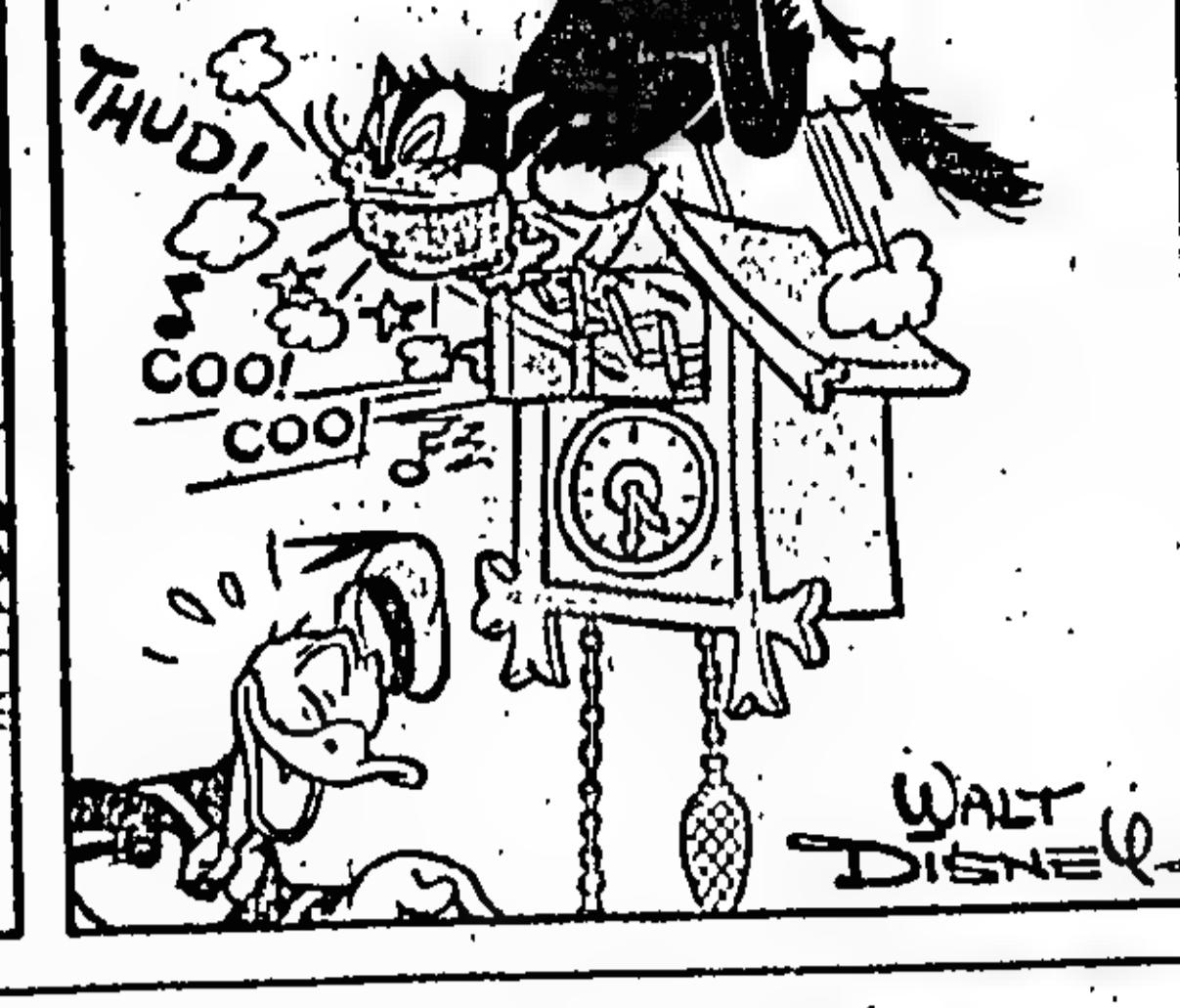
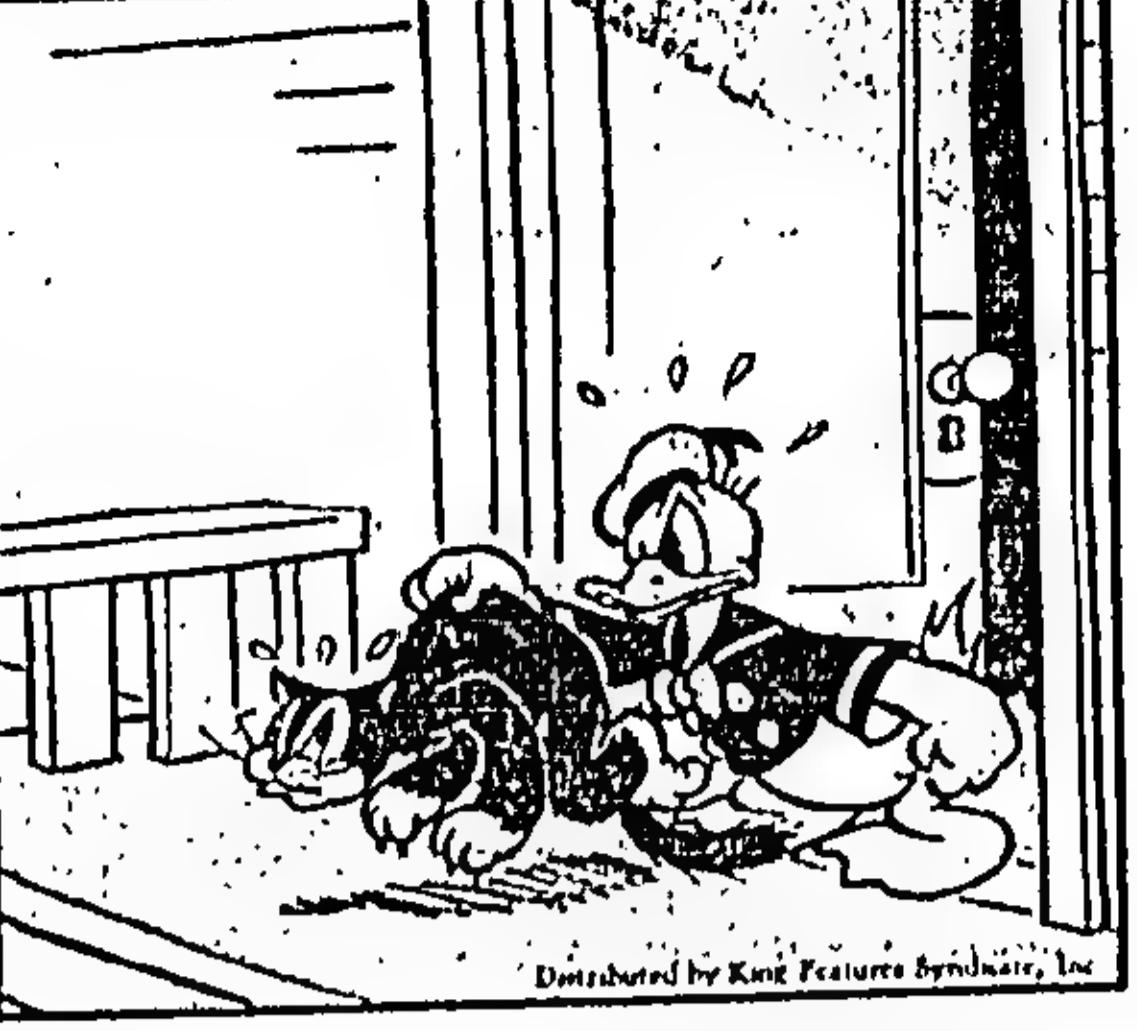
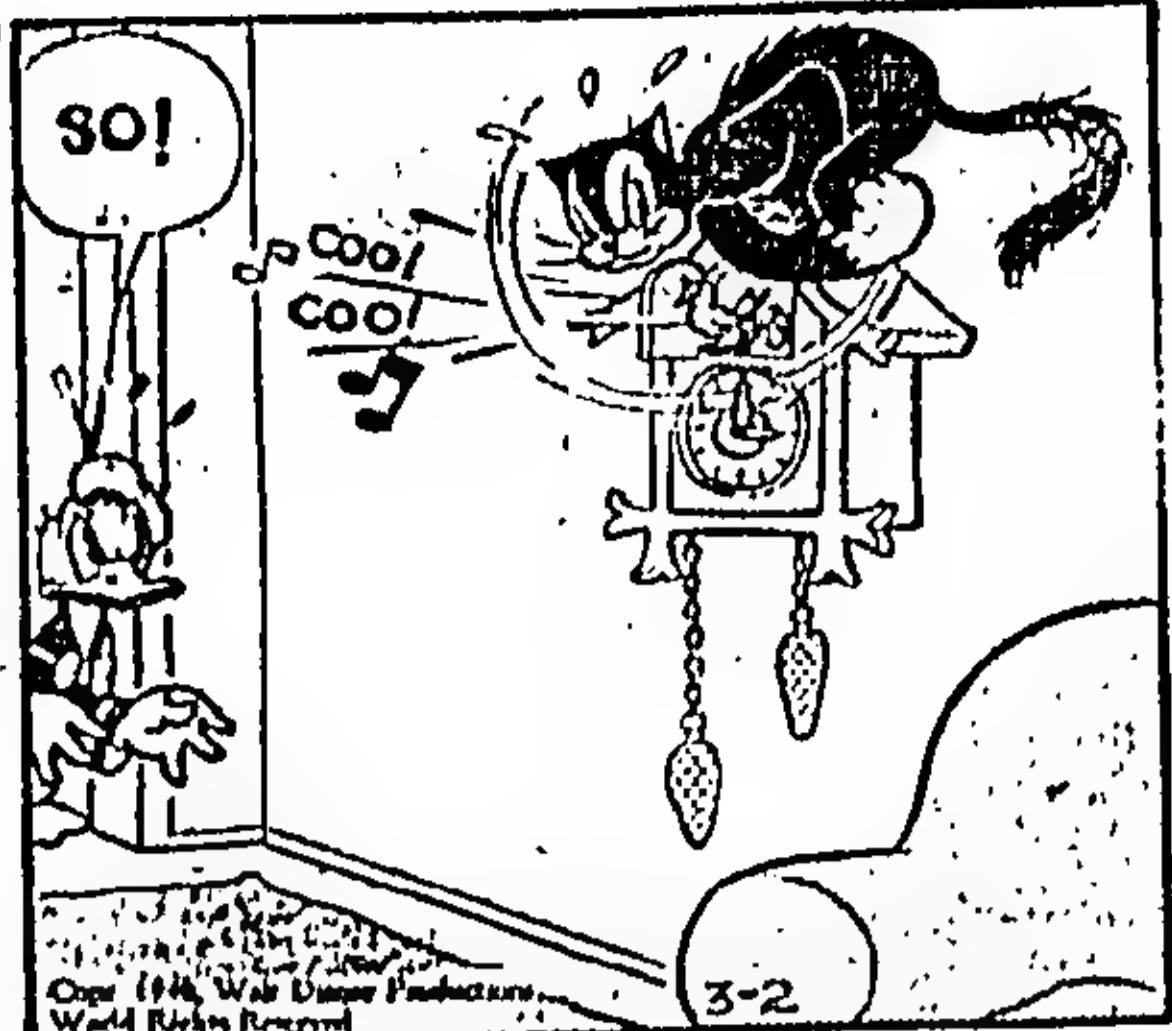
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This criticism is expressed in the leading article of the current issue of "The Lancet."

"We have known for years," continues the writer, "that mere hospitalisation of cases cannot control diphtheria, that healthy carriers abound, and that it is never possible to detect more than a small proportion of the potential sources of infection."

"We know that natural immunity to diphtheria can be stimulated by artificial means and that if three-quarters of the child population were so treated diphtheria would disappear from our midst, with an annual saving of over 3,000 lives in England and Wales alone."

## APPEAL TO ITALY

### Australian Premier Wants Understanding

SYDNEY, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—An appeal from Australia for a better understanding between Italy and the British Empire was made by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Premier, in a speech inaugurating a new series of broadcasts on the 25 metre band from here last night.

"Between you and us there exists a well-established friendship based on mutual respect," Mr. Menzies said. "But to-day war has come over the world and almost every nation has looked upon the struggle with anxiety."

A Pointer To Italy

"No nation is in a better position than Italy to understand the fate of Norway and Denmark and the fears of other neutral States threatened with aggression."

"In common with all members of the British Empire," he concluded, "we are determined to make a stand against aggression. I am fully convinced that the things we are fighting for are of such importance that we shall have your sympathy in our struggle."

## "Hate" Speech By Dr. Ley

### Pours Out Insults Against England

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BERLIN, Apr. 29 (UPI).—Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Front leader, indulged in a "hate" broadcast against England to-day, when he addressed German youth at Cologne.

"We will destroy England! Every German worker is racially more worthy than any English Lord," he screamed.

Know Only Money

He went on: "The English are a race of capitalists, plutocrats and despised aristocrats, whose only thought is their money, and who know nothing but profits."

"They begrudge the German people their freedom and national existence, and they begrudge German youth your future."

"They blockade and want to starve us. They will not succeed."

## GUARDS PROTECT H.M.S. CARADOC

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The English cruiser Caradoc has arrived at Los Angeles and will be allowed to remain 24 hours.

Immediately she arrived, a strong guard was posted to prevent interference with her.

It is reported that the cruiser's mission is to blockade copper shipments across the Pacific.

"It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the public fail to seek immunisation principally because they are ignorant of its benefits and that some at least of the blame must be put on a lack of conviction within the medical profession, more particularly among general practitioners."

### 60,000 A Year

Diphtheria attacks annually some 60,000 people in England and Wales alone, and kills over 3,000 of them.

Artificial immunity lasts for years, and in many cases for life. Attacks of diphtheria after immunisation are rare and almost invariably mild.

"Apart," the article goes on, "from the advantage of individual protection, which might be expected to appeal most to a parent, it has been shown repeatedly that if 70 per cent. or more of children in a particular community are immunised diphtheria ceases to be a problem in that community."

"For example, in Toronto the morbidity-rate of diphtheria fell from 164 per 100,000 to 3.5 after the introduction of immunisation and the unusual deaths from diphtheria fell from 65 to nil."

## Nazi Raid On City Of Molde

### Open Town Extensively Damaged

HELSINKI, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Some details of the German raid on the city of Molde are given by the Helsinki Bureau of the Norwegian telegraph agency.

It is stated that German planes bombed the centre of the town, causing extensive damage. It is not yet known whether there were any casualties.

### Plane Shot Down

One German plane was shot down and burst into flames. Two of the occupants were killed and the others were taken prisoner.

Several German planes were brought down near Alesund.

At sea there have been engagements between Norwegian and German warships.

The German warships were supported by aircraft. One Norwegian ship was set on fire.

## EXHIBITION OF WATER COLOURS

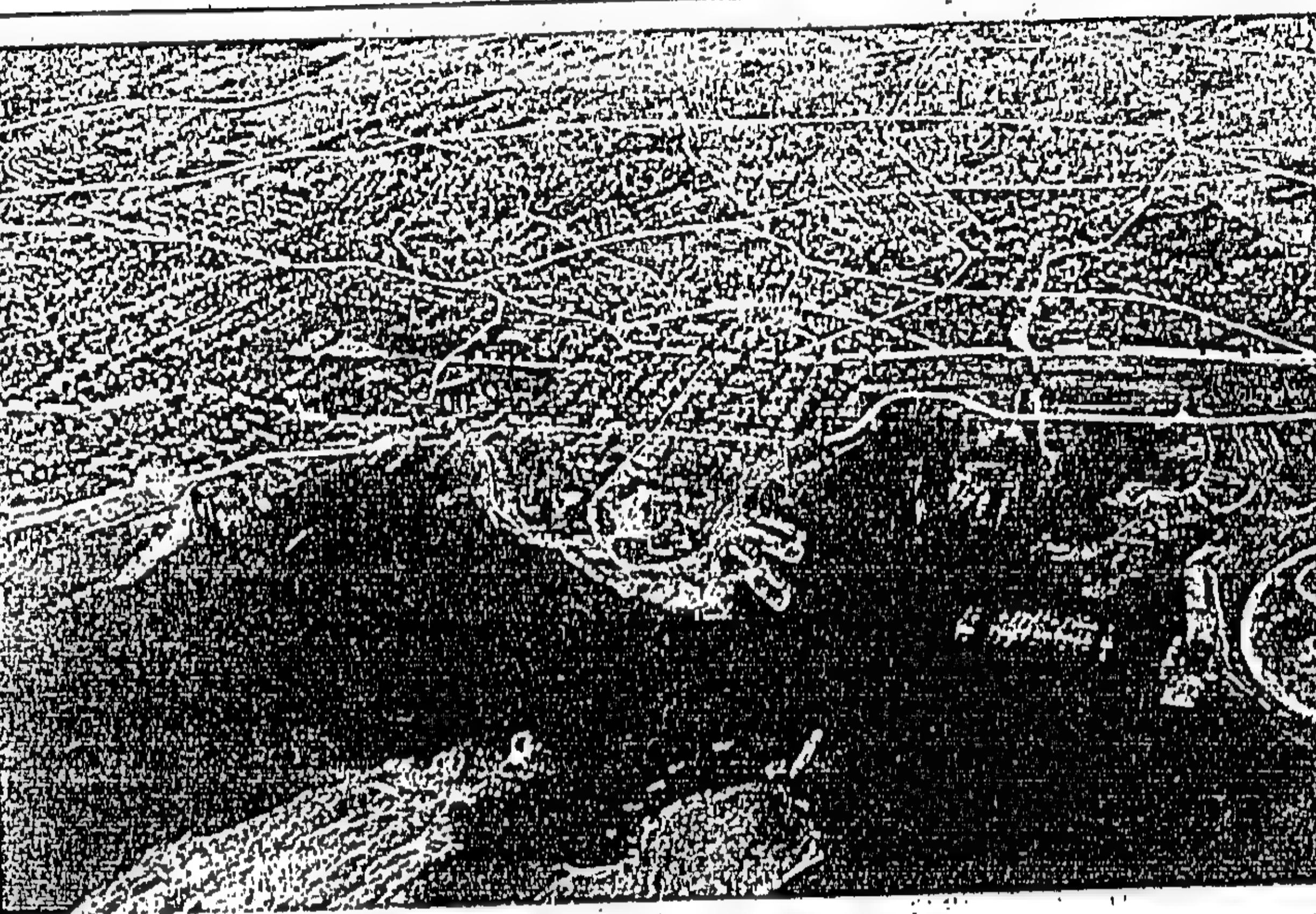
The Hongkong Working Artists' Guild is holding an exhibition to-day at St. John's Cathedral Hall of water colours and pen and ink sketches by Mr. Johnson Lee.

Mr. Lee is one of the many artists who have been brought by the war to Hongkong. His work is somewhat different from the work which the Guild has recently exhibited.

His water colours and sketches are of lovely scenes in western style and simple straightforward statements specially emphasise the atmospheric beauty of Eastern scenes.

Mr. Lee has been assisting in designing posters for the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign—particularly in the layout of effective Chinese characters.

This has led him to suggest that he will donate 40 per cent. of the profits of to-day's exhibition to the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign.



## R.A.F. VIEW OF OSLO

THIS aerial photograph gives an excellent panorama of Oslo, the Norwegian capital now in German hands.

The R.A.F. has carried out heavy raids on the aerodrome which is slightly to the right of this photograph.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1890. A new company just formed began excavating the foundations for the new wing of the Hongkong Hotel, when they came on a pool of quicksilver about a yard wide on the surface. Before it was cleared away, however, the pool had spread to something about half a pint—was bailed out by the discoverer. It had presumably run down from a broken pipe in the godowns that used to stand on the site.

No German newspaper dare print the story of Bismarck's retirement. Our foreign papers dare do it, however, as well as ours. Bismarck has been forced to resign the Chancellorship of the state he has served so well. When he came to the helm in 1871 the power of Prussia had never been equaled nor so cavalierly treated by parliamentary parties, especially by the Extreme Right and the Extreme Left. To-day the aged Crown in Prussia sits upon a rock. It has not been so respected as it has been during the reign of the last three emperors. The days of Frederick the Great and that of his successor at this time is due as it was then, to the genius of a single man.

It is now stated on the highest official authority as well as being a matter of gossip in Parliament, and at the clubs, that the Queen is seriously considering the step of abdicating in favour of the Prince of Wales by the German Emperor has had a great effect on the aged Queen, who is now convinced that it is her duty to have a son to play the leading role in England during the rest of her life, which is certain to be short.

### 25 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1915. Unofficial despatches from Paris state that a great battle has begun in the Arma district.

The Admiralty announces that after days of hard fighting in difficult country, the troops landed making their footing with the effective help of the Navy. French have taken 500 prisoners. The full programme has been officially published. In the Arma district under Sir Ian Hamilton have effected landing on both sides of Dardanelles under excellent conditions; many prisoners have been taken and our forces are continuing their advance.

The Press Bureau announces that Mr. John Haldane, employed by Government Departments in connection with scientific investigations, examined the Canadians who died from the effects of the gas used by the Germans. He found that numbers had died from exposure to chlorine or bromine. Twenty-four were found on a small stretch of road. Numbers of German shells were also found to contain chlorine, but explosive substances, but not so brutal barbary a nature as the above gas.

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1930. Local taxation of motor vehicles was mentioned by Miss Hilda Thompson at the annual general meeting of the Royal Automobile Association yesterday evening.

With regard to local subjects, he said, I would like to tell you that the question uppermost in the minds of your retiring Committee has been the proposal for horse power and petrol taxation. The Association, I am told, has taken up the subject very strongly with the Government and we are awaiting our representations on behalf of all motorists. Honkong might be well received by the Government.

Another question that has exercised the minds of your members is that of parking in London and at Kowloon.

Colony grows and as the popularity of motoring, whether for business or pleasure, increases, the perplexing problem of suitable parking places become more and more difficult of solution. Improvements are already apparent in this respect, but the public still hopes that officials, drivers and our friends on the other side of the harbour must compose themselves in patience until the new layout scheme is put into operation.

The German expeditionary force in Norway has also suffered losses due to mines.

## CANADA BEGINS AIR TRAINING

TORONTO, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The British Commonwealth Air Training plan came into operation to-day with the entrance into the No. 1 Training School here of 169 aviation recruits.

In the long low buildings of what was once a famous club, young Canadians began a month of work preliminary to undergoing specialised training as pilots, runners and observers.

The office of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public on Thursday, May 2, being the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

Patience At An End

## Yugo-Slav Warning To Nazi Planes

BELGRADE, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—It is understood that repeated flights by German planes over Yugo-Slavia's northern frontier in the past seven weeks are the main reason for the Government's announcement that in future foreign military planes violating the frontier will be fired upon.

Recently eight German planes crossed the frontier one day. It is believed that they were scouting to obtain details of Yugo-Slav fortifications.

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3.—The Hjerkinn front in which a column is going up Oester Valley split into three parts.

4.—The Tynset front where a

column is moving west trying to cut the railway at Ulster.

5.—At Roros.

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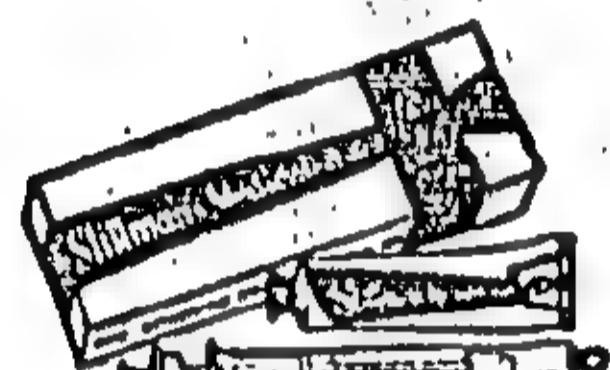
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## Nazis Attack Red Cross

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The leader of the Swedish Red Cross Organisation, who has brought back Norwegian refugees from the Oster Valley describes how the Red Cross convoy of cars, clearly marked with a red cross, was attacked by three Nazi bombers on Saturday.

Scores of people in the convoy escaped by fleeing into the woods but the vehicles of the convoy were considerably damaged by machine-gun bullets.

Submarines of a revolutionary design which are capable of influencing the balance of sea power. They are said to have a carrying capacity of 6,000 tons and are capable of diving out of reach of depth bombs. The German programme, too, includes the building of battleships of 30,000 tons and aircraft carriers of approximately 10,000 tons each.

When the Yugo-Slav, Connal, M. Klenfert, protested, he was informed that the pilots were training and had lost their way.

Rumours that Italian planes have been seen flying across the Adriatic and reconnoitring the fortifications on the Dalmatian coast are believed to be untrue. It is stated that these rumours probably arose from the fact that an Italian plane, which had run out of fuel, crashed near Susak recently.

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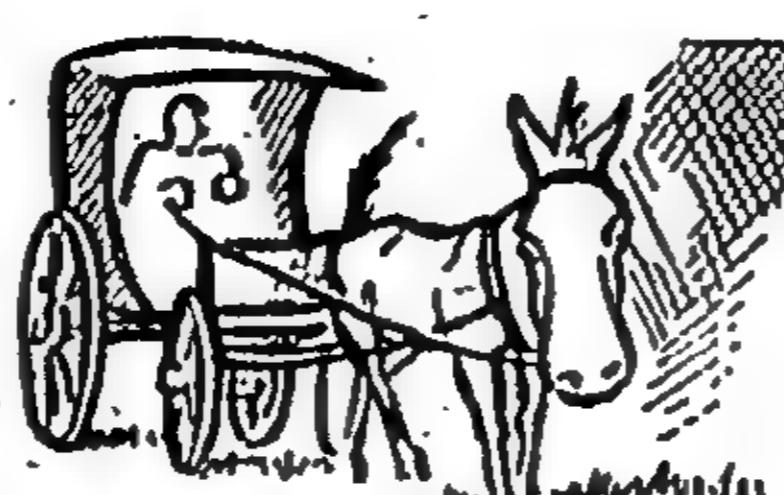
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## Labour's War Aims

It is unlikely a general election will be held in Britain during the war, but it is almost certain that one would be held before the meeting of Peace Conference.

A general election followed the Armistice of 1918 and preceded the Peace Conference at Versailles.

Replacement of the present British Government by a Labour Government may be unlikely, but it is at least a possibility. Thus it is a matter of more than academic interest to ask what would happen to the peace if the making of it were entrusted to leaders of the Labour Party.

To the Allies and friends of Great Britain it is reassuring to know that the broad policy of the Labour Party on the question of resettlement is in essentials the same as that of the present Government.

In its manifesto on "The War and the Peace," there is not a word which contradicts the peace declarations of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

It even goes further than Mr. Chamberlain when it says that an association of States should be formed around the nucleus provided by war-time co-operation of Britain and France, that it should have a collective authority transcending the sovereign rights of separate States, and must control military and economic power to enforce peaceful behaviour, as between its members and secure armament reduction.

It is clear that in all major questions relating to the war and its aims there are not two Britains with whom friends and enemies have to deal, but one only. A change of Government would produce no change of British front.

## The Sultan of Solo is watching..

WHEN Hitler makes one of his periodical threats to invade Holland we in this country think of the little wedge of territory that separates Germany from our eastern shores.

But the Dutch think not only of their "little wedge of territory," but of their rich little Empire, nearly 10,000 miles away—the Dutch East Indies.

For rich though little Holland is in gold and securities—one of the richest countries in Europe—her greatest wealth is in the wealth of the Indies.

What is this rich little, tight little Empire, tucked away in a corner of the Pacific?

Holland Beyond the Seas includes Curaçao, in the Caribbean, Surinam (formerly Dutch Guiana), in South America, and, most important of all, the archipelago officially called the Netherlands Indies, known to the native inhabitants as Indonesia, and called by old mariners simply the Indies.

From being able to tell such high-sounding potentates as the Sultan of Solo or the Sultan of Yogyakarta how to rule their States, he can also veto any measure that a rebellious Volksraad might pass.

Moreover, he himself can make his own laws.

Unlike the British, early Dutch colonizers were not discouraged from marrying native women, and no social ostracism came to them or their half-caste children.

Moreover, the Dutch have scrupulously refused to allow the slightest tempering with the

natives' moral code, even going so far as to bar missionaries in some islands.

The Dutch have experienced little trouble in the Indies, largely because the natives would rather enjoy a quiet life than bother with politics. Besides, they are split among more than 150 different races and languages, and this tends to make widespread rebellion next to impossible.

Meanwhile, the 220,000 Dutchmen in the East Indies enjoy great comfort. No white man is so poor that he cannot afford at least two servants at salaries of about £2 a month, and the usual staff of a well-to-do household numbers six or seven. They enjoy the finest films from Hollywood in Java, Sumatra and Borneo, and most of them own cars.

Tinned foods from home are always available, but the most famous East Indian dish is *Ratatouille*, which is both a ceremony and a dinner.

It has a base of rice, and consists of a hundred or more side dishes, including fried chicken, fried pork, beef, splices, fried bananas, fried shrimps, cucumbers, pickles, ginger, eggs in every conceivable form. Experienced East Indian Dutchmen go to bed for a couple of hours after eating *Ratatouille*.

But there is also work to be done—rubber to be tapped in Sumatra, oil to be drilled for in Borneo and Java, tin to be dug in Bangka. Coffee, tea, tobacco, sugar, rice are the more ordinary

products; but copra as a basis for facial creams, lizard skins for shoes and handbags, Sumatra wrappers for cigars, cinchona bark for quinine, sandalwood and teak-wood, ebony and macassar oil are others. The barefooted women of Bali, that tourist paradise, do their full share in muking this Netherlands overseas a going concern.

TO gather in these riches colonial Dutchmen are rewarded handsomely. In 1935 of 85,000 Europeans earning a living in the East Indies some 64,000 were taxed on incomes of more than £1,000 a year; 22,500 between £4,000 and £12,000 a year.

But more significant was what this trade did to the Netherlands. Dutch investments in the East Indies were valued at about £234,000,000. And to-day one-sixth of the Netherlands population of eight and a half million people is dependent on the colonial trade and but for the Netherlands would probably have a lot more than 400,000 unemployed.

Almost all the well-to-do families in the Netherlands have their East Indian securities.

Wilhelmina, an astute business woman herself, is a large owner of tin mines, just as she has an interest in nearly every enterprise of magnitude in Holland. Her income was once estimated at £1,000,000 a year, making her by far the richest monarch of Europe.

Wilhelmina and the Dutch generally therefore have every possible stake in getting their country safely through this war.

## A challenge to Americans—and the answer

It's your war, too

By RICHARD GREVILLE

but  
What's it about?

By FILL CALHOUN

An American Journalist in London

"COME off it, Uncle Sam!" That is what millions of Englishmen are saying to-day, though they may be too polite to say it more publicly than in their local public-house.

We, Uncle Sam's cousins, are locked to-day in the mightiest struggle in our history. With our allies, we are fighting for those principles of liberty and justice which are the very breath of the American political tradition.

Not a politician, not a newspaper in the United States dare whisper a doubt that our cause is good, or that the world might well be lost if it were defeated.

President Roosevelt can hardly open his mouth on international affairs without pronouncing a condemnation of Nazi methods which in forthrightness rivals those of our own statesmen.

So what? So America's public men, having assented with one accord on the necessity of our winning, go on with equal fervour to declare: "No getting into this nasty mess for us!"

Within the last few days we have seen at work this strange shying from responsibilities. For weeks American speakers and editors had been eloquent on the wrongs of the Nazis, and their desperate need for aid in their fight for independence.

President Roosevelt put before Congress a timid proposal for a loan to Finland, which was specifically not to be used for buying arms. And immediately a tearing, hullabaloo started among the 500 odd Senators and Representatives: "No, this will never do. It would imperil our precious neutrality!"

Really, come off it, Uncle Sam!

We do not doubt of our winning our war for you, in the end. But we do not doubt either that United States intervention on our side would halve the sacrifices, and the length of the ordeal before us. For that matter, effective United States intervention back in August might have stopped the war from ever starting.

Now, of course, George Washington who was a good and great man, laid down the doctrine of American isolation from Europe's intrigues and quarrels. But the world has grown a good deal smaller since George Washington's sailing ship, horse-and-buggy days.

But if Germany were to win this struggle does any intelligent American really imagine that he could remain

TO all Englishmen—and the there is a great body of American public opinion that is yet to be convinced that England is without a share in guilt for the outcome of the last twenty years of European diplomacy. What do you want the United States to do? Rush over great shiploads of troops and have them sent off to India to combat passive resistance because there is no room for them on the Maginot Line?

Are we to become embroiled by sending men and arms to Finland when there are still signs and hopes in England of calling off the war with Germany and turning all the various war machines on Russia?

Who's fighting whom in this war? That is one question the United States would like to know.

We admit that some American ideas of isolationism may sound peculiar to Empire-minded people. But isolationism has deep roots in America. It has grown from out of history books and the disillusionment of the last war. It is bound up with intangibles such as the love of one's own possessions.

The British know about this. Is that really the reason England is at war?

A threat to England's cherished possessions and institutions reached across the Channel became suddenly real and frightening. It still takes a long arm to carry such a terror across the Atlantic. That is one obvious reason the United States is not at war.

If Britain feels her cause is just and that the United States should come in and help her smash Germany—and possibly Russia—then shouting at us to "Come off it" is not the proper approach.

As a nation we like to think at least that we know what we are doing and where we are heading. Vague talk of our plans for re-building a pleasant world is not enough assurance for us that old and tragic mistakes are not going to be repeated.

It may not be good war strategy to announce what the Allies intend to do in reshaping Europe when hostilities cease. But it definitely would be good propaganda to let America know Britain's hopes and plans for her own future in a period when world politics and economy are likely to undergo great and as yet unfathomable changes.

Americans have a healthy scepticism of anything that can be labelled European diplomacy. It is possible that America is hoping for the war to toss up a few definite clues to what Europe is fighting for, instead of against.



"Why ain't you on the field? Tryin' to take unfair advantage of the scholarship we gave you, eh?"

# VIOLENT ATTACK AT ROEROS EXPECTED SOON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, APRIL 29 (UP).—MORE AND MORE GERMAN TROOPS ARE MASSING AT ROEROS ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF THE CITY WITH WHOM A "UNITED PRESS" CORRESPONDENT HAD A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO-DAY.

THE NEW TROOPS ARRIVED IN LORRIES TO-DAY, ESCORTED BY TWO TANKS. THE LORRIES ALSO CONTAINED FIELD GUNS.

Considerable German air activity was noticed over the town yesterday. At one time a squadron of 30 German transport planes was sighted flying north.

A woman was killed on the outskirts of the town to-day when a German plane swooped down using its machine gun.

At night the city is completely blacked out.

The "Afton Bladet's" correspondent at Steinkjer to-day reported that according to the Norwegian commander complete contact has been established between the Norwegian and French troops in this sector.

The commander also said that a violent German attack was expected at any moment along the entire front where the Franco-Norwegian line is at varying distances from the invaders.

The Situation At Namsos.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (UP).—According to a private neutral source from Trondheim which is in Sweden opposite Namsos, British forces have landed about 2,000 territorial at Namsos, while the French have landed between eight and ten thousands.

More are expected to arrive soon, he said.

The same source categorically denied reports that the French force in the Namsos region, or anywhere else in Norway includes members of the French Foreign Legion.

It was further revealed that the Germans yesterday brought tanks and armored cars into action for the first time.

However, the French anticipated this action and anti-tank guns succeeded in repulsing the attacks.

This same informant stated that no front had yet been established in the Namsos region in the true sense of the word, although the French are now building strong fortifications north of Steinkjer, which will constitute a line capable of resisting the German onslaughts.

Namsos In Ruins

He reported that last week the Nazis inflicted great damage on Namsos and that all the most important buildings have been razed to the ground.

Most of the damage was caused during a raid on April 21 when five French soldiers were wounded and seven killed. An undetermined number of British troops were also killed and wounded in the same action.

The Germans scored direct hits on the Hotel Grand at Namsos, killing three prominent British officers—two Army captains named Lindsey and Fleming, and a naval captain named Blake.

War Office Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (UP).—The British War Office to-day issued a communiqué in the following terms:

"The position in the Gudbrandsdal valley remains unchanged. Heavy enemy air attacks were carried out to-day on the towns of Andalsnes and Molde."

"There was patrol activity in the Namsos area.

"There is nothing further to report from Narvik."

## AMERICA SENDS WARPLANES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Aircraft exports for the first quarter of this year were valued approximately at \$60,750,000, representing an increase of 225 per cent over the corresponding period last year, according to a statement by the Department of Commerce.

Ten of 70 purchasers took 94 per cent of the total.

France headed the list with purchases totalling \$33,000,000. Others were Australia, \$7,750,000; United Kingdom, \$7,500,000; Canada, \$4,500,000; Finland, \$3,000,000; Sweden, \$2,250,000; Turkey, \$1,500,000; Norway, \$1,500,000; China, \$1,250,000; and Dutch East Indies, \$750,000.

March exports totalled \$2,750,000, which is the third largest monthly total ever recorded and exceeded only by those of last December and January.

## DULL DAY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was dull apart from gilt-edged holdings which were higher on small steady investment support.

Industrials were irregular and gold-mining securities were moderately steady despite small trickles of selling orders.

Wall Street was firm.

## NOT SHORT CAMPAIGN

Germans Warned By Norwegian Press

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Stockholm "Allehandra" states that the reasons for the German attack on Norway cannot have been economic, for Britain can only be blockaded in the Atlantic—the loss of Scandinavia does not affect British economy.

From a strategic viewpoint, what benefit can Germany derive from bases in Norway when the number of surface vessels is reduced by 60 per cent? There are somewhat better possibilities for submarines, but the construction of submarine bases is a lengthy task.

The Norwegian campaign must not be expected to be short and decisive

Stalin Learns Lesson

Russia appears to be prepared to observe the Moscow peace and no difficulties remain unsolved between Russia and Finland. Stalin's unpleasant experience in the Finnish war has taught him to be more careful in future. The Finnish war made Russia more dependent on Germany and immediately the war concluded Russia became less friendly to Germany and denied all reports of a Home-Berlin-Moscow triangle.

The Swiss Press welcomes the Swiss trade treaty with France and England. The "Volksecho" says: "The news will be hailed throughout Switzerland with satisfaction and some relief. There were many serious difficulties to overcome, but this only makes our pleasure over the final outcome greater."

Trickery And Treachery

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The British Press yesterday was mainly concerned with events in Norway.

"The Times," for instance, says that it has now been proved beyond doubt that Germany owes her present gains in Norwegian soil to the trickery and treachery that met her half way from the Norwegian side itself.

After speaking of various forms of treachery, it adds: "The Quislings in Norway gave to Germany." "The Times" says that the moral for neutral states is perfectly obvious and measures are being taken to effect it.

If one wishes to prevent the destruction of a country's independence by Nazi violence one must prevent it from being under-mined by Nazi stealth.

Discussing Sweden, the "Daily Express" quotes a passage from "Mein Kampf" in which Hitler said that a clever conqueror will always impose his demands on the conquered by instruments.

Possibly Hitler is using this technique against Sweden.

Sweden, of course, is entitled to decide on her own policy and to judge her own interests for herself.

She has one trump card to use: the moment Hitler declares war, The Swedish iron ore mines could be wrecked. This is why Hitler hopes to conquer Sweden without fighting.

The "Daily Mail" feels that although more men and equipment should be sent to Norway without stint or delay the war will be finally won only in France.

On the other hand, the "Daily Herald" says that the campaign in Norway is of first importance and any inclination to regard it as a sideshow must be laid aside.

The "Glasgow Herald" takes a similar view to that voiced by the "Daily Mail." It says that the result of the campaign in Norway will not be a decisive factor between the Allies and Germany although it will certainly influence events elsewhere.

## Nazi Ships Driven Off The Seas

Hitler's Difficulties In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Parties of experts to prepare the war for land and air operations have been landed by R.A.F. Sunderland flying-boats according to a flying boat pilot in a statement made to-day to the press.

"There is practically no shipping along the Norwegian coast now except for our own warships," he declared.

Not Getting His Own Way

"The Germans, no doubt, are getting reinforcements up country by air and are putting some shipping across the Skaggerak, but Hitler is not getting things his own way."

"You don't see many of his submarines now, and so far, not one of our convoys has been hit."

The pilot described Namsos as appearing like those pictures of Nares in the last war." He added: "They certainly have made a mess of that town."

Estonian Warning

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—As announced yesterday, the German radio on Sunday night issued a warning to German ships to keep away from two danger areas off the east coast of Germany.

The first broadcast made it appear as though it was an official German announcement but subsequently the German radio said that the information had come from an Estonian radio at Tallinn.

It is interesting to note that one of these areas is at the mouth of the Estonian port of Baltiski which is now a Soviet naval base.

The other is off Helsingfors.

The official German explanation is that these waters were mined by Finland during the Soviet-Finnish War.

The mines became frozen in the ice but are now coming loose.

## Russia Shows New Spirit

Meets Britain Halfway For Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Russia has gone a long way towards meeting Britain's trade wishes as a result of a visit paid to-day to the Foreign Office by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, who delivered the Russian reply to Britain's earlier note.

The note contained the following points on which the Soviet is agreeable:

1.—The Soviet is willing to negotiate a reciprocal trade agreement.

No Solong Condition

2.—The Soviet will refrain from making the release of the Soviet ships Selenga and Mayakovskaya a condition for negotiation.

3.—The Soviet has indicated a readiness to discuss Russia's re-exportation of Russian imports.

4.—The Soviet refuses to negotiate regarding the export of Russia's own products to Germany which, Russia claims, she recognises as a neutral right.

An official spokesman to-day confirmed that Viscount Halifax and the Italian Ambassador to London conferred last Friday on the question of

KIDNAPPED GERMANS SET FREE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

PEIPING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Four Germans, captured by bandits, have been released and to-day returned to Peiping after paying a ransom of cigarettes, food and watches.

The four kidnapped people were Herr H. Wobser of the German Embassy, together with a woman member of the Embassy, and Herr L. Haesloop and Herr E. Rehmeyer, both German employees of Carlowitz and Company.

Bandits kidnapped them in the western hills near Peiping yesterday.

## Give Nazis Warm Time

Skilful Work Of The Coastal Command

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Details of the work of the Air Force on the Norwegian coast were given to "Reuter" by a squadron commander.

He stated that a reconnaissance plane observed a U-boat lying at the edge of a fjord. The plane flew low and dropped bombs which found their mark, and the submarine, if not destroyed, was certainly badly damaged.

Coastal Command planes have thoroughly investigated and photographed every fjord, and much good work was done in dropping light and incendiary bombs.

Very Small British Losses

Several German machines, including a Messerschmitt 110, were destroyed or damaged at Norwegian air bases, and a number of petrol dumps were set on fire, though generally speaking the work of the Royal Air Force has been confined to the Indian War Fund, His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad gave £100,000 to His Majesty's Government towards the costs of an R.A.F. Squadron, which bears his name.

His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner offered the personal services of himself and his only surviving son, a large sum from his private purse, six battalions of infantry, his famous Camel Corps doubled its strength, and a large quantity of state products for use in munitions manufacture.

Special Fund Opened

So many contributions in money or in kind, from rich and poor alike, have been sent to the Viceroy that he found it necessary to open a War Purposes Fund, total of which is approximately £600,000. Nor has India's generosity been confined to the central fund, for generous donations have also been made to Indian Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance Association, St. Dunstan's, the Lord Mayor's Fund and others.

In the Industrial field, the great Ordnance factories of India are producing munitions at a speed and in a quantity which a few months ago would hardly have been contemplated.

When the expansion schemes are complete, it is anticipated that India will become an important centre of the munitions production, able not only to meet her own needs but to an appreciable extent those of the Allied forces abroad.

Will Make Nazis' Mouths Water

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Lard, cooking fat, cheese and eggs will not be rationed at present despite the cutting off of Danish supplies.

This announcement was made to-day by the Ministry of Food. The Ministry also said that there were still plenty of eggs on the market.

Feeling Worse and Weary?

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## INDIA'S BIG WAR EFFORT

Money, Men And Arms Supplied

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—The scale of India's war effort is most impressive when its many manifestations over the past eight months are seen in perspective.

Regular units of the Indian Army are now serving overseas in France, Malaya, Aden and Egypt. Indian Territorials and men of the Auxiliary Forces are serving in India by the side of their professional comrades. The Army is being steadily expanded in all branches of service.

And apart from the growth of the regular units, eight new Territorial Battalions have been formed and more are contemplated. Pilots and Mechanics for the growing air force requirements are being systematically recruited and trained in India, and in addition five new auxiliary volunteer flights have already been brought into being.

Successful Recruiting

Recruiting has been so successful that the authorities have had to slow up the rate of volunteers which came from every class. As a temporary measure, 25,000 recruits were medically examined, attested and placed on the waiting list for gradual absorption.

Indian Princes, true to their traditions, have been overwhelmingly generous. Two examples may be cited as typical. In addition to furnishing troops for garrison duty in British India and making liberal contributions to Indian War Funds, His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad gave £100,000 to His Majesty's Government towards the costs of an R.A.F. Squadron, which bears his name.

His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner offered the personal services of himself and his only surviving son, a large sum from his private purse, six battalions of infantry, his famous Camel Corps doubled its strength, and a large quantity of state products for use in munitions manufacture.

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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# DIPPING INTO 1940 STATISTICS

### Junior Champions Still Striving To Play-Off: Commendable Keenness

**CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS** the wash-out of last Saturday has not, so far, at all events, forced the I.R.C. and the Police to share the Shield. I am informed on good authority that the Recreio Club has been good enough to offer its ground for a game on Saturday next, and provided the weather is reasonably clement a game will be played.

I have been looking through a great many statistics about the two sides, though I am not very keen on figures. On the whole I think it is a very well balanced game with the Indians having a slightly stronger bowling side, but not quite such a probability of runs as have the Police. Apart from any possible breakdown in arrangements I hope to give a full report of the game in my final notes next week.

I said just now that I do not go very much on figures. A perusal of the figures of Craignawer, the Army and the Civil Service in the Senior League are interesting, and I had very nearly said amusing! Griffiths heads the list with the prodigious average of 63, but when we look into it we find that he batted twice and scored 50 not out and 4.

On the other hand, Richardson apparently scored 4, 11, 6 and 0, and yet I think I should put Richardson before Griffiths. These figures, of course, referred to the League, and it was most unsatisfactory in many ways—almost an unsatisfactory as the figures.

#### BOWLING

In bowling I was interested to see that Billimoria, who could not get a wicket to save his life at the beginning of the season, actually got 10 for 7 runs up to time, which is pretty good. But if one must have figures and all in favour of adding them over-all. Anomalies are bound to occur when you are dealing with only 11 years for matches.

I haven't bothered to keep cricket figures for a long, long time. I remember in the season of 1917-18 P. H. Cobb took about 70 wickets for about 7.6. Mr. R. Abbitt had a couple of wickets less for about 1 more, give these figures without having looked them up for twenty years, so they may not be quite accurate, but I know that had I not been out of the C.R.C. match owing to an injury incurred in the Racecourse Fire, I think I could have just pipped Cobb on the post.

I am rather wondering now if people do get 70 wickets during the course of a season. Least one should be thought to be putting on dog, I might mention that the standard of batting at that time was extremely low, and a great many of the wickets taken were either rabbits or ferrets!

#### FINALE

**T**O resume the question of Saturday's match, I understand that this will be a definite finish, and indeed to play cricket in May (apart from regimental cricket), is a thing that is entirely beyond my recollection. I must congratulate the two sides on their keen enthusiasm, and to speak quite frankly, I wish to goodness the senior sides showed a little of it.

#### SPORT ADVTS.

##### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th and Monday, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

#### Army Sports Finals To-day

The final day's programme of the Hong Kong Area (Army) athletic meeting will be held at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, at 2.30 p.m. to-day. The alternative date on all invitations issued for the "At Home" should now read Tuesday, April 30, and not Wednesday, May 1.

#### Golf

#### F. Buckle Wins Adamson Cup

F. Buckle (12) beat Hugh Smith (9) six and five in the final of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley on Sunday.

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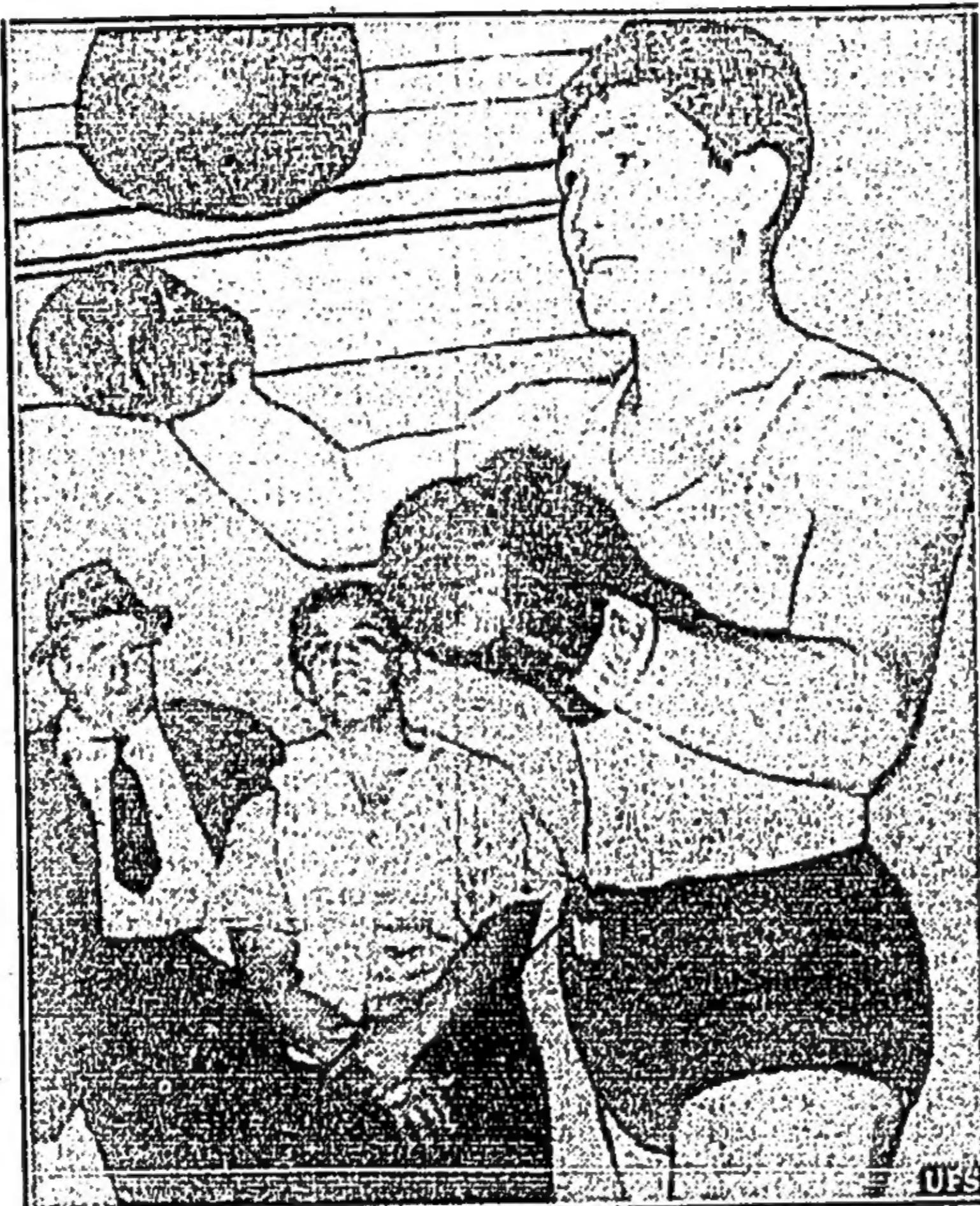
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## TSUI WAI-PIU ENTERS OPEN SINGLES FINAL

### Godoy To Meet Joe Louis Again

**N**EW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP)—Mike Jacobs, the world famous boxing promoter, has announced that Joe Louis and Arturo Godoy will meet again for the world heavyweight crown in the Yankee Stadium on June 20. By his contract, Godoy is to give Louis a return bout within 60 days, if he wins, but if Louis wins it is expected that his next opponent will be the winner of the Max Baer-Tony Galento bout on May 28.

Though the rallies could never have been described as long, the majority were brought to conclusions with brilliant winners



Part of his daily routine. Cefino Garcia, famed boxer from Manila, and middleweight champion of New York and California, is here putting in some work on the punching bag. This picture was taken while he was preparing for his bout with Henry Armstrong at San Francisco on March 2. The match was drawn, but though Garcia has tried to secure a return, Armstrong will not agree.

## EXCELLENT SHOOTING AT SUNDAY MEET

### Programme Organised By Middlesex Regt.

A **VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOOT** took place over the Kowloon City Range on Sunday when the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment organised the programme and donated all the prizes, which were presented by Lt. Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.N.E., M.C., at the conclusion.

Ninety-eight members took part. There was a strong wind blowing from east to west, but some good scores were returned.

Prize-winners were as follows:

#### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Aperture sight, silver cup, highest net aggregate score—Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.). Open sight, silver cup, highest net aggregate score—Capt. Guscott (D.H.C.). Silver spoon, highest handicap score, aperture sight—Capt. Guscott (Middlesex); open sight—Sgt. Clarke (H.K.P.).

Silver spoon, highest net score at 200 yards, aperture sight—C/Sgt. P. Hale (Middlesex) (count-out); open sight—Mr. Jones (D.R.C.).

Silver spoon, highest net score at 500 yards, aperture sight—Capt. Guscott (Middlesex); open sight—L/Sgt. Leong (H.K.P. Reserve) (count-out).

Team competition, three men and three women—won by Middlesex Regt.

Silver spoon to each member.

Pairs competition, silver spoons to each

pair with the highest net aggregate—Sgt. Mr. Jones (D.R.C.) and Capt. Langford (Middlesex) 178 points.

Revolver competition—Six rounds in two minutes at 20 yards. Mr. Tansey (11) won the gold cup (11); six rounds in six seconds at 10 yards, Mr. Tansey (11) and Mr. Gowans (11).

Clay bird shot, open—1. Sub. Lt. R. W. Astill (N.W.F.C.); handicapped, Mr. D. Beer (Kumon Rifles).

Open sight, Mr. Jones (H.S.C.) and Capt. G. Clark (H.S.C.) tied.

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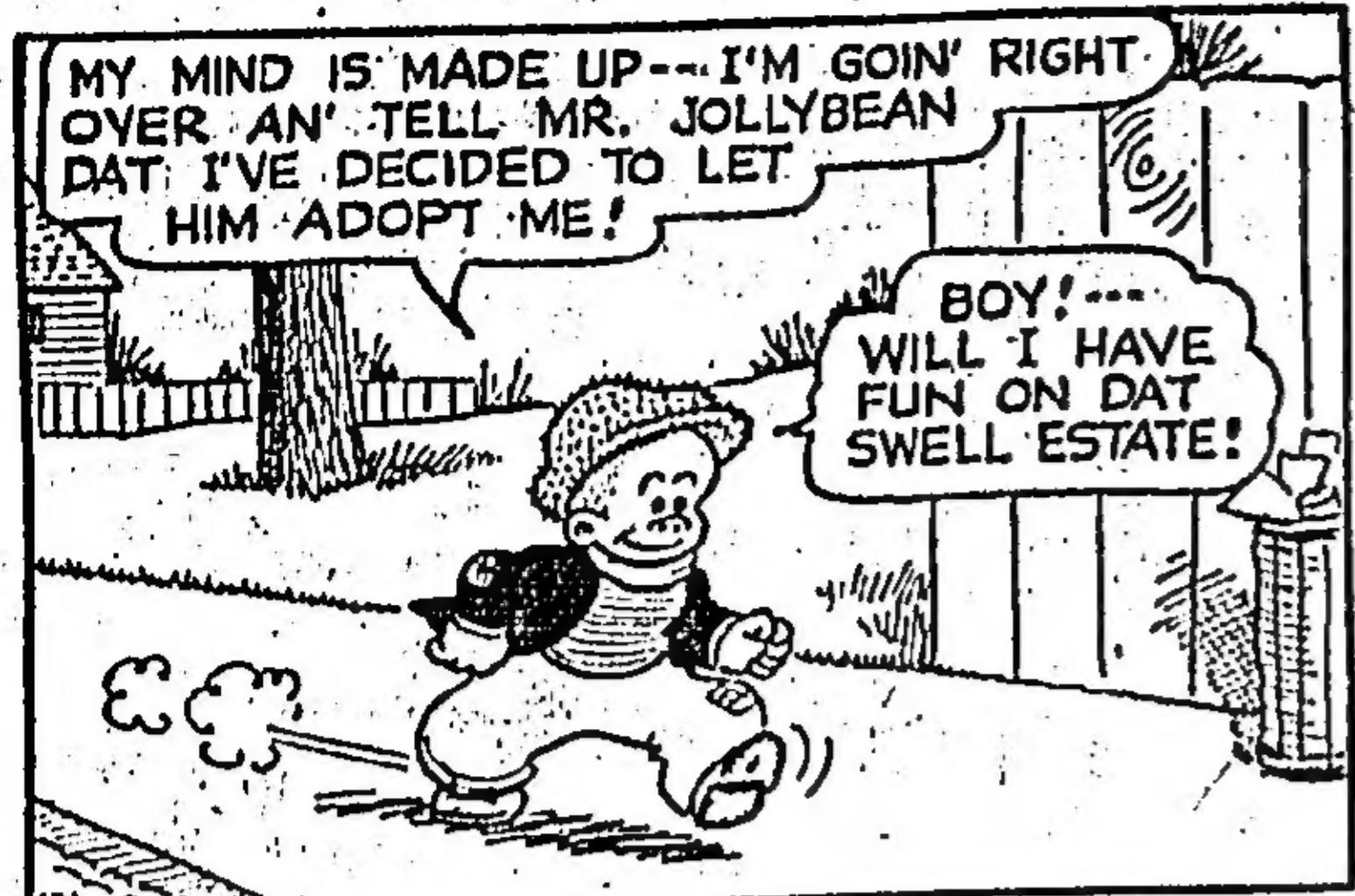
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## Disappointed In Men of Devon

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"Where's the romance?" they demand plaintively. "What's the matter with the young men—are they dumb?"

Because of the apparent scarcity of suitable boy friends this contingent of spinsters finds life dull these days:

ARTIE S-H-A-W, the famous swing band leader and his film star bride, Lanna Turner. They two met some time ago while working on a M.G.M. lot.

They are on the staff of a big insurance company, and were evacuated to a South Devon town nearly four months ago.

A 19-year-old malcontent said: "Dated with boy friends are almost unknown."

"We spend our spare time knitting furiously for the Services, throwing occasional 'hen' parties, and dancing with each other in our hotels.

## Weather Talks

"Most of us have forgotten the thrill of being taken out for the evening."

Stein Thompson is blonde and frank. She said, "Even if the local lads were attractive, there are too few to go round."

Brunettes Cecile Jordon and Yvonne Roberts agreed.

And 20-year-old Betty Scott added with much scorn, "The only thing they can talk about is weather."

I dined with some of the thousand. There was one man to about 20 women—and most of the men were over 40, and married. Only four were local residents.

Slightly hopeful note.—A big firm of underwear specialists has just transferred its head office staff to the town. Manpower: 100.

## Colonial Troops Reinforce Near East Armies

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Britain's Middle East Army received other Empire contingents to-day. The first contingent of the Rhodesian Territorial Force arrived at Suez.

Some of the Force is being drafted to England, but most of it will stay out here:

The contingent contains personnel of Artillery, Engineers, Signals, armoured car units, infantry and machine-guns. The Rhodesians, including officers, will hold concurrent rank in the Middle East Army although still belonging to the Rhodesian Territorial Force.

In the last war the majority of the R.T.F. were affiliated with the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and as a matter of sentiment members of the present Force will, where possible, be drafted into this regiment.

A percentage of the Rhodesian contingent are all potential leaders who will be trained for commissions.

An extraordinary array of varied British uniforms is the changing aspect of Cairo's strolling population as contingents assemble from every corner of the Empire. Even the battle dress from England has now appeared.

## WEST FRONT QUIET

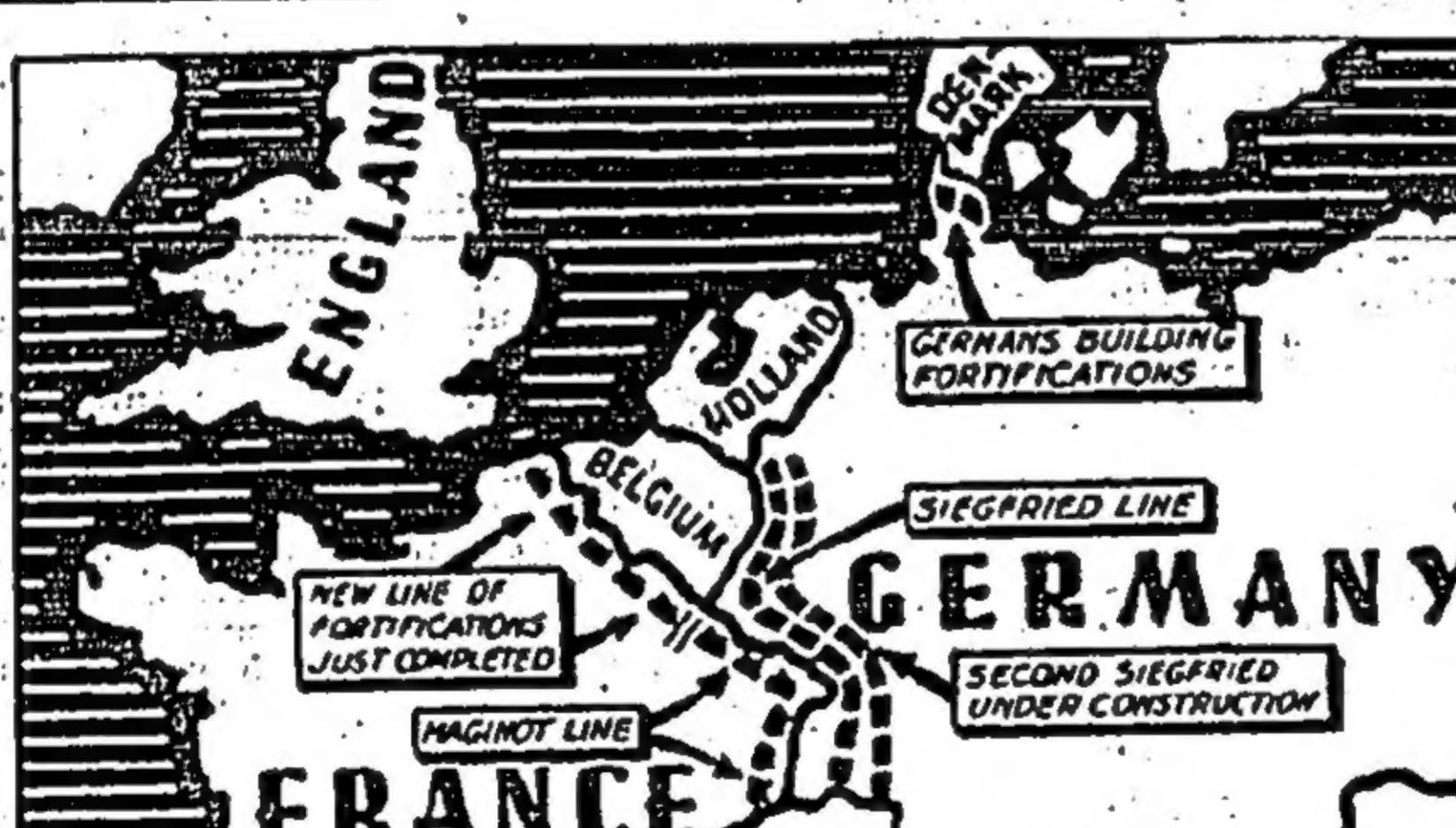
PARIS, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says that it was a quiet day on the whole.

## ADVICE TO NURSING MOTHERS

It is very important, doctors say, not to overtax your system immediately after the birth of a child. When you are feeding baby yourself, you should take plenty of easily digested nourishment.

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## HEAVY U.S. SHIPPING

## Highest Returns For Ten Years

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Figures issued by the Treasury Department show that United States shipping reached the highest total in ten years despite the Neutrality Act. Some 1,042 vessels carried 2,562,000 tons of cargo to foreign destinations during January and February, compared with 932 ships carrying 2,264,000 tons during the same months in 1939.

Shipments To Russia  
United States shipments of copper to Russia have declined abruptly since January, possibly partly owing to fears of seizure as contraband on the ground that it might be destined for Germany.

March shipments totalled 5,584 tons and February shipments 6,408 tons as compared with 28,003 tons in January.

There were no shipments during the same months last year.

## Lord Mayor's Fund Now £1,357,000

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—The oldest regiment of the Canadian regular army was inspected to-day at Aldershot by Field Marshal the Duke of Connaught. The Regiment was the Royal Canadian Regiment, of which the Duke has been Colonel-in-Chief for 25 years.

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—During the past week the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by nearly £40,000 to £1,357,000.

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| Mine washed ashore and recovered, up to  | £1 |
| Specially interesting (e.g., magnetic) mine, up to . . .   | £5 |
| Floats, mine-sinkers, mine fragments, etc., if examination of them yields new knowledge, up to . . . | £5 |
| Position of moored or floating German mines, up to . . .   | £5 |

The rewards will be paid to anybody except Service personnel, whose official duty it is to report enemy activities. The amounts will be assessed by the Admiralty according to the value of the information received.

## NAZIS FACE GRAVE PETROL SHORTAGE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Apr. 29 (UP).—A grave shortage of petrol confronts Germany and as a result large numbers of automobiles which hitherto had official permission to operate will have to keep off the streets as from to-day.

Some estimate that the number of vehicles affected will be as high as 25 per cent. of all automobiles and taxis.

In Berlin, the number of taxis, which has steadily decreased since the war started, will be further decreased when 300 taxis lose permission to operate as from to-day.

It is expected that a further 200 will be withdrawn within another month, reducing the number of taxis in Berlin to roughly 1,000.

## Severely Rationed

Automobiles remaining in operation will also receive smaller petrol rations. Whereas the monthly ration for taxis at the beginning of the war amounted to 300 litres—roughly 75 gallons—it is now doled out weekly in rations of 12½ gallons.

During the past week private cars have been weeded out and their petrol rations cut.

The cuts have even affected diplomats here, while Embassy and Legation employees have been deprived of the use of automobiles altogether.

Official quarters explains that intensification of the petrol economy drive is to safeguard petrol and fuel oil for agricultural machinery for the spring planting which has been rendered all the more necessary by the extremely severe winter and the sharply curtailed imports of gasoline and fuel oil from abroad.

## Ostal Also Affected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (UP).—According to reports from Oslo published in the "Aftenskolan" to-day, restrictions on petrol were introduced yesterday morning in the Oslo region and other German occupied territory, which puts an end all private motor traffic.

Only carts are now to be seen on the streets, and only 10 taxicabs are allowed to operate in Oslo as emergency transports in cases of severe illness or accident.

The paper also reports that following negotiations between the Germans and owners, the Nazis have permitted the reopening of the Kongsholm arms factory employing 800 men. The Nazis will retain the entire production for the army of occupation.

Economic conditions in the occupied areas continue to be at a standstill because all credit facilities have been suspended.

## FOOD SITUATION IN OSLO

OSLO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazi administrator of occupied Norway admits that the food situation in Oslo is very serious.

One quarter of the country's cattle will have to be slaughtered to save fodder, he says.

## Geman Wounded

GOTHENBURG, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

A fugitive from Oslo has told a Gothenburg newspaper that the civilian patients have been moved out of Oslo hospitals to make room for Nazi soldiers.

Convoys of ambulances arrive nightly.

Never neglect a scratch—however small. The moment the skin is broken a path for germs is opened. Use "Dettol" at once. It is a weapon against infection. Yet for all its high germicidal efficiency, it is non-staining, non-poisonous, even pleasant to smell.

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## SENTENCED TO DEATH Man Who Murdered Fellow Prisoner

Sentence of death was passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Li Shek-man, 32, who is already undergoing a term of ten years' hard labour, when he was found guilty of the murder of a fellow-prisoner, Lau Chuen, at Stanley Prison on February 4.

As a result of a stab wound inflicted by Li, Lau died in the Queen Mary Hospital on March 9. During the trial, it was disclosed that Lau was the principal witness for the Crown when Li was charged with the murder of the master of a money-changer's shop at Hungshon in March, 1939.

Li was found guilty and condemned to death, but the sentence was inter-commuted. Lau was involved in the affair, but turned King's evidence.

Mr. G. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Li was defended by Mr. G. She, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The following was the Jury: Messrs. R. P. Phillips (foreman), M. Zuk, J. C. Gardner, Tang King-man, U. Shiu-kai, Chen King-shing and Lau Chau-kwok.

### Five-Minute Retirement

The Jury returned their verdict after a retirement of five minutes.

Asked if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed, Li declared he had no intention of murdering Li and maintained Li struck him first, whereupon he retaliated. The dagger, he said, was not his.

In his address to the Jury, Mr. Murphy, referring to Li's story of an attack by the deceased, said there was no evidence by any of the warders of such an attack. Dealing with a statement made by deceased before he died, in which he accused Li of having stabbed him, Mr. Murphy asked the Jury to believe it for, he declared, men who were about to die did not commit perjury.

No one, he continued, could have much liking for an accomplice turned informer, and therefore the Jury might have some sympathy with the prisoner, but he asked them not to let their sympathy deter them from their duty to the dead and to society.

### Defence Submissions

Mr. She dealt at length with the Crown's case, and reminded the Jury that they had to be convinced beyond all reasonable doubt that the accused intended to murder Lau before they could return a verdict of guilty. Suspicion was not enough. Further, they had to be satisfied death resulted from a wound illegally inflicted.

Counsel submitted that death resulted from pneumonia of the right lung and not from the wound. Had there not been pneumonia, which was independently caused, deceased might not have died.

The Jury retired after his Lordship had summed up the case at length.

## Prison For Embezzling

### Parson's Plea For Jardine's Clerk

Koo Ka-min, clerk of Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., who pleaded guilty to six charges of embezzling \$2,187.94 from his employers, was given nine months' hard labour by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistrate this morning.

The charges against Koo were that he embezzled \$585.50 on January 25, this year; \$297.15 on September 27, 1938; \$301.50 on January 23, 1939; \$627 on October 4, 1939; on March 16 and \$320.65 on January 20 this year.

### Tears In His Eyes

With tears in his eyes, and speaking in English, Koo said he was very sorry for what he had done, and while he was in his cell he had prayed to the Almighty to forgive him. He said he was forced to commit the offence because his salary was not sufficient to meet his family's expenses. He begged Mr. Edwards to pardon him, saying he would never commit an offence again.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs said that it was a blow to him to learn that Koo had committed the offences and his conduct was disgraceful. He said that Koo had come from a respectable family and had been educated in the best schools of the Colony.

He had known him for six years and during that time he found him to be a very nice boy to deal with. Each month he gave his family \$50, though his salary was small.

### Father A Church Servant

Mr. Higgs said Koo's father had been his church servant for the past 35 years and had not a blot in his character. He said that Koo stole the money to help his family, as the family had always wanted to send their boys and girls to the best schools in Hongkong. He stole the money not for his own benefit, said Mr. Higgs, but for his family.

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## NORWAY BLITZKRIEG FAILS: BRILLIANT ALLIED RETREAT

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on the railway north of Dombas and Kvilkne.

Checked by the British troops on their direct line of advance up the Gudbrands Valley, the Germans have sent two motorised detachments along the only two possible roads from the Oeser Valley. Their aim is to cut the railway behind the British positions.

The first of these roads runs over the Foll Valley to Hjerkinn, which is held by the Allied troops who have been reinforced to meet the German move.

At the same time the Norwegians are resisting the Germans at Kvilkne, which is on the second road and is north of the Foll Valley road.

### Big Scale Encounter

Details of fighting at both points are lacking but a big scale encounter is expected.

In the Gudbrands Valley itself the German attacks around Kvam have been supported by planes and artillery. They met with energetic British defence.

The British are reported to be holding excellent defensive positions centring on a bottleneck in the valley.

Many German planes have been seen flying north over the Roeros district indicating that a continuous stream of troops are being sent to Trondheim by air.

The Allied reinforcements south of Trondheim are still being bombed by German aircraft but anti-aircraft guns are now forcing the raiders to an altitude of 9,000 so that they are no longer free to attack as they would like.

### War Office Communique

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—A War Office communique issued to-day states that the position in the Gudbrands Valley remains unchanged.

Heavy German air attacks have been carried out on Andalsnes and Molde, two towns on the west coast north of Bergen.

There has been patrol activity in the Namssos sector.

There is nothing further to report from Narvik.

This communique confirms messages from Stockholm suggesting that the Germans have made no progress during the past 24 hours.

These reports indicate that in the Gudbrands Valley the German forces are facing strong Allied positions near Otta, which is some miles south of Dombas.

In the Oster Valley the Germans have occupied Roeros but are being held up several miles beyond it by the destruction of a bridge by the Norwegians.

Some reports state that the Germans have attempted to get motor-cycle units across with the use of rubber bands which the soldiers can drag across the bridge.

Further progress north of Roeros would bring the Germans to the town of Storen, which is south of Trondheim, and marks the junction of the railways from the Gudbrands and Oster Valleys.

Both Storen and Dombas are in Allied hands.

It is said that the Allies have also taken over positions along the line between the two towns.

Their ability to hold this line will be of great importance if reports of the latest German moves are to be confirmed.

These reports say that the Germans have sent out parties from two points in the Oster Valley to cross the mountains and cut the line.

There is one quite good motor road which would bring them out not far south of Storen, although it is probably under heavy snow drifts at present.

### Battle Near Hjerkinn

Other reports speak of Nazi detachments cutting across the country south of Dombas. The town of Hjerkinn, a little north of Dombas, is mentioned in the reports.

Reports are still very vague but there is talk of an engagement with Allied troops near Hjerkinn and Dom-

bans.

The salient feature is that the Nazi main advance up the two main valleys is being held up for the present.

North of Trondheim both the Germans and Allies are reinforcing their defence positions just north of Steinaker.

The vital question for both sides is that of the arrival of reinforcements.

A communique issued by the War Office on Sunday stated that the Allies had landed more and more troops at Andalsnes despite air attack.

Reports from Stockholm state that these reinforcements are arriving even more quickly.

The Germans have also landed more reinforcements at Oslo, according to a message from Stockholm.

These reinforcements have evaded the Allied mines and submarines in the Kattegat but not without loss.

An Admiralty communique issued yesterday reported that three more German supply ships had been torpedoed and sunk while on their way to Norway.

Unofficial Swedish reports tell of the loss of a 3,000 ton ship which is believed to have hit a mine between the Danish island of Zealand and the Swedish coast.

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LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Trieste's two new trans-Atlantic passenger services between Italy and North and South America respectively, were inaugurated to-day.

The 24,000-ton motorship Vulcano left Trieste this morning for South America and the 31,000-ton liner Roma, left on the Trieste-New York route this afternoon.

## SOLDIERS LEAP FROM LORRY

### Narrow Escape Near Stanley Beach

Eight men of the Middlesex Regiment leaped out of a Military lorry near Stanley Beach yesterday when Cpl. French, the driver, lost control of the vehicle.

Pte. Nesbit reports that when the lorry was bending a curve near Stanley Beach, Cpl. French lost control of the lorry and the eight men jumped out of it.

Cpl. French was thrown out and received head and body injuries, while Pte. Collins who was late in leaving the lorry received slight injuries.

## MUST HAVE SUPERIOR AIR FORCE

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favourable, it was apparent that the atmosphere of deepening determination, which is always felt in England when difficulties are ahead, was most clearly seen to be formidable."

The "Daily Telegraph" also stresses the difficulties confronting the Allies in Norway, and after observing that the power of the Allied navies to interrupt German communications will remain one of the major features of the campaign, says: "We are far from the end yet. The utmost effort the Allies can develop by sea, land and air will be needed to punish the German outrage on Norway with the crushing defeat it deserves."

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